

**BOROUGH OF HO-HO-KUS
SHADE TREE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING
December 1, 2014**

Minutes

I. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

The open public meeting statement was read and the meeting was called to order at 2:30 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Grieder, Raimondi, Mitchell and Pavelski. Commissioner Chase was away on vacation. Also present at the meeting were secretary, Susan K. Greig, Brad Post homeowner of **6 Brookview Court**, Colin Milde and Frank Parker, contractors who were working for Mr. Post.

The meeting was suspended at this time to hear from Mr. Post and his contractors. Mr. Post wants to plant two October Glory maples in front of his home. They are significant in size (large root ball). The Commission at this time will not accept the planting of a maple tree on this property because of its susceptibility to verticillium wilt which lives in the soil and would attack a newly planted tree. The Commissioners suggested that Mr. Post plant the trees 11 feet or farther in from the curb which would be one foot out of the towns right-of-way. They told him to make sure to call for a mark out since the root ball will be huge and get a permit since the hole for the rootball will infringe on town property. Mr. Post wanted to go home and measure the property at the eleven foot mark to decide what to do.

III. MINUTES

A motion to accept the November minutes as read was made by Commissioner Raimondi. It was seconded and they voted all in favor.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

18 Sycamore Avenue-Carmela Aliotta-(Mailing Address- 11 Big Ramapo Road, Saddle River, N.J. 07458) she wants trees trimmed. Claims they impede visibility to storefront, are causing drainage problems with roof gutters, and lastly the branches are overgrown and brush against cars coming out of the driveway and in winter the branches are weighed down and cause problems.

A letter will be sent to Ms. Aliotta that as budget permits we will trim the trees. A permit application will be enclosed should Mrs. Aliotta want to prune the trees this year and not wait for the Commission to prune as budget permits.

Note: on November 18 Stanley Kober sent an e-mail to Thank the Commission for the newly planted trees.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Pamphlet** to insert into business department packages for people adding additions or building new homes within the borough.

No action at this time.

- B. Green Community's Grant 2011**

Commissioner Mitchell will try to contact Alex.

- C. New Ordinance**-Who will do fee collection? (Memo to Mayor)
A copy will be given to the Mayor and Don Cirulli by Commissioner Raimondi.

Copies were distributed a second time. The Mayor, Borough Administrator and were all given copies.

- D. Shade Tree Site Plan Ordinance revisions-**

No action at this time.

- E. Borough Web Site for Shade Tree Commission**

No action at this time.

- F. The Hollows-**

No action to report at this time.

- G. Tree replacement** (Pin Oaks) for last years (2013) tree plantings that died.

This project is completed and can be removed from our agenda.

- H. 70 Lloyd Road**-(e-mail)-This will be left on our agenda until the tree is removed and the BOE has paid the back charge.

We are waiting for the town to forward this to the Board of Education.

- I. Post Cards to residents**

No action.

- J. Normandy Court-**

A letter will be sent to Sal Petruzzella with our response. We will get funds for the value of 3 trees per developed lot. The funds will be made out to the Ross Trust account for planting of street shade trees in the future when their project is finished. This item will be left on our agenda for now.

- K. 192 Elmwood Avenue**-Angela Palmiere- Letter that her trees need pruning. Commissioners Chase and Raimondi will look at the trees and report at the Dec. meeting.

A letter will be sent as our budget allows we will do the pruning; also a permit will be added incase the resident does not want to wait for the town to prune the trees. The tree

- L. 977 Washington Ave**-Mrs. Tasson- Her tree is still dropping branches. Commissioner Mitchell was to look at it after November meeting.

This will be added to our list for pruning as our budget allows. The trees will be put on the list for 2015. She will get a letter. Commissioner Mitchell said she will go and speak to the resident.

Note: Mayor Randall will be invited to attend a meeting in 2015 for the purpose of discussing future budget plans. Our budget seems to have been cut too severely last year. The Commission is having difficulty keeping up with the pruning and trimming requests that it is receiving.

Note: It should be noted that downtown trees need pruning or replacing in the next few years.

VI. NEW BUSINESS/ PERMITS

1. Allan Bellezza Contracting LLC will be sent a letter noting that as in the past permits are required by ordinance to hang lighting on town trees and shrubs. He must get the permit within ten days of the date on the letter.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Susan Kievit Greig