

**BOROUGH OF HO-HO-KUS
SHADE TREE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING
July 8, 2015**

Minutes

I. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

The open public meeting statement was read and the meeting was called to order at 7:16 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Frank Grieder, Chris Raimondi, Kim Mitchell and Pat Pavelski. Commissioner Danny Chase was absent. Also present was Sue Greig, secretary.

III. MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the June 1, 2015 minutes as read by Commissioner Raimondi. Pat Pavelski seconded the motion and they voted all in favor.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. 149 North Franklin Turnpike**-Mr. Hill- He has several dead/dying trees on the hill on the Hollywood Avenue side of his property that need removing.

Commissioner Raimondi reported that he inspected the property and there are three trees that should be removed as soon as possible.

NOTE: This work could possibly be done at the same time the newly planted trees within the borough are trimmed (item Q old business). This could be done by hiring an outside tree service to perform work for the borough on a one day rate of hire. We would get as much trimming done as possible within the hourly time frame. Commissioner Raimondi will follow through with pricing.

- B. 453 Birch Lane**- R&S Landscaping for homeowner- Permit application.

This was rejected because R&S does not have a certified arborist. If they work in conjunction with one the permit will be okayed.

- C. 1 Crescent Place**-Mike Vaughn (201-978-9427)- He phoned the DPW to report a dead tree in front of his home.

The Commissioners will look at the tree and follow up at the next meeting.

- D. 189 Lakewood Avenue**-Mrs. Nelson (201-447-6917) reported that there is a dead tree on her property or her next door neighbors. It is right on the line.

The Commissioners will look at the tree and follow up at the next meeting.

E. 27 Clearwater Drive- Tom Dionisio/Kathy Bley-Two letters received by the Commission one was dated June 4, 2015 and one dated July 2, 2015. The June 4th letter came in after the June meeting was held so both letters were read at our July meeting. The letters report that a tree in front of their home was trimmed once but now it needs further trimming and they also think the street trees need trimming as well.

All Commissioners will look at the tree and street trees and discuss at the August meeting how to proceed.

F. Dave Bisworm of the Ho-Ho-Kus Fire Department asks the Commission to please trim two trees located near fire door. There is a line of sight issue for apparatus drivers.

Commissioners Chase and Raimondi will trim the trees.

G. 55 Sheridan Avenue- Dawn Braithwaithe-The resident is requesting the removal of a dead tree in front of her property and she also would like a new tree planted.

The Commissioners will look at the tree and report at the August meeting.

H. 970 Washington Ave-John Aversa-We received notification that he has a dead tree on his property.

The tree is already on our removal list.

I. Dead Tree corner of Ackerman & Sheridan Avenue (by Pine Crest)

Ask DPW to measure to see if it is a borough tree.

J. 5 Academy Road-Michael Saoud-Request the removal of a tree on his property that is located on corner of Mill and Academy.

The Commissioners will look at the tree and report at the August meeting.

K. 20 Ardmore Road-Steven Alpert- Large tree corner of Ardmore and Ackerman Ave keeps dropping limbs. Resident thinks it is dangerous for people walking below it. He also thinks other trees near his home need attention.

V. OLD BUSINESS

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

No action

B. Mayor-New Ordinance/Budget letter

1. Budget- Completed.
2. Liaison form the Town Council-None appointed at this time.

These items will be removed from the agenda.

C. Borough Web Site for Shade Tree Commission

The web site is up and running so this item can be removed from our agenda.

D. Post Cards to residents

No action at this time.

E. Normandy Court-money for trees

Commissioner Raimondi will send this letter.

F. The Hollows-

There is nothing to report. This item can be removed from the agenda.

G. Bellezza- Did he get permit for Gordon Hamm and Ho-Ho-Kus Inn?
No permit has been obtained by either party. We should send him a bill.

No action at this time

H. PSE&G- stalks near 1031 E. Saddle River Road. Guy will look at the stalks and he will call the county for removal.

The stalks are still there.

I. 419 Hollywood Avenue- Cassie Wentworth- Ms. Wentworth reported to the commission that the tree in front of her home has a green X and is in poor shape. Guy Vogt was going to have his men look at the tree for removal.

Guy Vogt will be e-mailed about this item.

J. 411 Hollywood Avenue- Guy Vogt is to check this tree.

Guy Vogt will be e-mailed about this item.

K. 8 Spruce Place- There were two tree removals done without the resident getting a permit. Commissioner Raimondi was instructed to bill the resident via certified mail by the CFO.

The homeowner was sent a certified letter that they had violated a town ordinance by removing two trees.

L. Beautification of the area by the Welcome to Ho-Ho-Kus sign.

This area has been spruced up and we can remove this from our agenda.

- M. 977 Washington Ave-** Lucille Tasson- Mrs. Tasson has a tree on the trim list. (She noted it is dying and in worse shape than last year when we put it on the trim list) Additionally she had two other trees that are dropping branches. Commissioner Chase or Mitchell will inspect.
- N. 34 Linden Road-**Mr. Robert Schulsinger would like to remove the tree at the end of his driveway. Commissioners Raimondi and Chase are to inspect it. This removal is denied the tree is healthy.

The tree is healthy. The removal was denied. This can be removed from our agenda after the letter is sent.

- O. 825 West Saddle River Road-**Kim Vardimen- Tree PSE&G has been killing for years. Now it has only the trunk and a few branches.

The tree is in decline. It was recommended that the tree be put on our removal list.

- P. 81 First Street-** Owner Larry DeKoek (201-788-3101)-The house is tenant occupied. Mr. DeKoek would like some of the branches over hanging his property trimmed.

The oak in question is on borough property. The resident was told that only two limbs will be removed from the tree.

- Q.** Tree trimming of trees planted within the last 5 years.

The Commission will speak to the Public Works department to see if they will assist with the trimming of newly planted trees within the borough by supplying one man and one truck to assist a Commissioner.

- R. 160 Wearimus Road-**Nancy Gaffney-When can the removal be done?
This tree will be re-inspected and reported on at the July 1st meeting.

The tree is not declining. There is nothing to be done at this time. The resident will receive a letter.

- S. 12 North Saddle Brook Drive-**Doctor Politto- Son-in-law-Paul Carroll-503-860-3299. The stump was put on removal list. Danny Chase will note if trees on this street need pruning.

Commissioner Chase was absent due to a scheduling conflict. We received an e-mail noting he has tried to contact the resident several times but has had no response.

Note: **101/103 First Street.** There is a tree stump left in front of this home that needs to be added to our removal list.

VI. NEW BUSINESS/PERMITS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

