

**BOROUGH OF HO-HO-KUS
SHADE TREE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING**

Minutes

May 4, 2015

I. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

The open public meeting statement was read and the meeting was called to order at 2:45 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were Commissioners, Grieder, Raimondi, Chase and Pavelski. Commissioner Mitchell was absent.

Also present at the meeting were Guy Vogt, PSE&G tree representative and Sue Greig, secretary.

III. MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the April minutes. It was seconded and they voted all in favor.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

- A.** Steven Sager-Stonegate Communications e-mail from Debbie- Ho-Ho-Kus Garden Club and Chamber of Commerce want to relocate two pine trees by the welcome to Ho-Ho-Kus sign to plant and make the area more appealing.

There is no budget to move the two trees. It was suggested they be cut off. Chris Raimondi will donate something to beautify the area and the permit fee will be waived.

- B.** **525 Sherwood Road-** William Kobb- He has two dead trees again. Can he have new trees; if not can we pull out the dead trees and the root balls and plant grass.

Commissioner Chase will go and speak to the resident to see what can be done. It is possible there is a gas leak and the trees are too close to it. Gas kills trees. It was noted that some of the trees are budding late this year.

- C.** **101/103 First Street-**Aileen Mastin she has a tree with big Green X on it.

Guy Vogt will look at the tree for removal.

He will also look at **11 Edgewood Drive** to remove a cherry tree that is ugly.

- D.** **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. Could a Commissioner stop at her home and inspect the trees? If she is not home phone her at 201-652-0849 to discuss the findings. (This was a phone call transferred to Sue from Claudette Wahid)

This will be mailed to Commissioner Kim Mitchell to follow up on.

976 Washington Avenue also needs to be looked at. Commissioners Chase and Raimondi will inspect after the Arbor day tree ceremony.

- E. 34 Linden Road-**Mr. Robert Schlessinger would like to remove the tree at the end of his driveway.

Commissioners Raimondi and Chase will inspect the tree for removal and possible placement of a new tree somewhere else on the property within the boro right-of-way.

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
2. Liaison form the Town Council
3. Fees and Permits
4. Involvement in the proposed design of the little park and repair of the stone wall by the library
5. Shade Tree Ordinance revision we had Bill Comery worked on.

The amendment was read at the Council meeting. It is not final yet.

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

This has been tabled until the next meeting.

- D. Arbor Day-Our celebration Monday May 4, 2015 at 3:45 P.M.**

The Commission will go to the site after the meeting. The new tree will be planted on North Franklin Turnpike opposite the car wash.

- E. Post Cards to residents**

No action.

- F. Normandy Court-**money for trees

Commissioner Raimondi will letter the person in charge.

- G. The Hollows-**

No new news to report at this time.

- H. 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.

A Commissioner will speak with the Mayor on how to proceed.

- I. New Jersey Shade Tree and Community Forestry Assistance Act- Annual Report for 2014**

This has been filed and can be removed from the agenda.

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

Guy Vogt noted he contacted the county but he hasn't received a response back from them yet concerning getting the stalks removed.

- K. 255 Warren Avenue-** A branch is hanging in a tree at this address. Guy Vogt will check if this is near wires.

Guy Vogt saw nothing in the tree. This can be removed from the agenda.

- L. 110 Ackerman Avenue-** Scott & Jayne Wolff- The residents sent a letter noting that the middle tree of three along their property has very few branches on it and appears to be hollow in the middle.

Remove from agenda.

- M. 10 Marion Court-** Robert Perrone

The resident was sent a letter that in the future it will be pruned. Remove from agenda.

- N. 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.

Also there are two dead stalks located at **411 Hollywood Avenue.**

VI. NEW BUSINESS/PERMITS

- A. 6 Brookview Court-** Frank Grieder inspected.

This can be removed from our agenda because the tree work is out of our jurisdiction. The trees are beyond the right of way.

- B. 8? Chestnut Place-** There was a tree removal done without the resident getting a permit.

Commissioner Raimondi will check this out and get the correct address.

VII. ADJOURMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Susan Kievit Greig