

BOROUGH OF HO-HO-KUS
SHADE TREE COMMISSION
MINUTES
Tuesday, December 12, 2017

- OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT: Read by Comm. Raimondi second by Emeritus Grieder.
 - ROLL CALL: Commissioners Raimondi, K. Mitchell Chase & Emeritus Grieder all present. Comm. D. Mitchell absent.
 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August, September, November. Motion to accept. Commissioner K. Mitchell seconded by Comm. Chase.
 - Also present at meeting Katie Raschdorf. She would like to express her willingness to join the ST commission. ST along with Mayor Randall will consider her request and will notify Ms. Raschdorf when a decision has been made.
 - Also present owners of the "The Sicilian Sun Restaurant". They are having issues of uplifting sidewalk in front of their restaurant. They are asking ST and the Construction Department to assist them in correcting the problem. Comm. Raimondi will inspect the property and advise the owners.
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- CORRESPONDENCE:
 - HHK Public School – Correspondence to HHK School on quotes relating to work performed on school property. **Job completed. Invoices Pending.**
 - HHK Library – Invoice to library regarding Scout Project. **Invoice Pending.**
 - Correspondence to driver of an accident with a shade tree dated 11-30-17. **Invoice pending.**
 - NJ Urban Community Forestry Statement Tree Budget to be completed by Commission. Due date 1-1-18. **Application in progress.**
 - 991 East Saddle River Rd. – Residents would like Commissioners to look at trees on their property for potentially hazardous conditions. **Comm. Raimondi will write a letter informing residents that the trees are not hazardous and are beyond the 10 ft. ROW. File closed.**
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- OLD BUSINESS:
- 11 Saddle Ridge Rd. – Pending with tree removal. **The two trees in question was decided to be left alone and will be checked again in the future by ST.**
- 24 Hollywood Place – Commissioner K. Mitchell spoke to residents and together have modified tree location. **File closed**
- NEW BUSINESS/PERMITS:
- 118 North Franklin TPK. – Residents would like to have two trees removed due to their declining condition. **Residents would like to plant at their own expense with the approval of ST. Ms. Raschdorf needs to provide her updated CTE (certified tree expert) Certification. Current one not up to date.**
- 113 Sheridan Ave – inspection form completed by Commissioner Raimondi and added to prune list of 2017-2018. **On list for pruning.**
- 524 East Gate Rd. – Demolition with a new single family home. Invoice will be sent to residents upon review. **Invoice pending.**

- North Franklin Turnpike – Driver of a motor vehicle involved in an accident and destroyed one Borough tree and driver has been billed accordingly. Commissioner Raimondi will invoice insurance company for any other damages **Invoice pending.**
- 145 Ackerman Ave – Residents would like two trees trimmed and/or removed. **On 2018 List for tree and stump removal of 1 Norway Maple.**
- 50 Ardmore Rd. – Commissioner D. Mitchell sent residents an explanation of planting, pruning and removal procedure. **File closed**
- 77 Elmwood Ave. – An inspection done of two dying trees and added to 2017-2018 removal list. **One tree is declining and one Norway Maple removal is on 2018 List.**
- Shade Tree has had one inspection from the State of NJ regarding “2017 Tree Planting”, We have not been notified of results. There will be two more inspections through 2019 and ST will receive full payment of grant. State of NJ will hold 10% until final inspection in June 2019.

Meeting Adjournment: 8:10 PM