

BOROUGH OF HO-HO-KUS  
SHADE TREE COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2017

- MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:05 PM
  - OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT: **The open public meeting statement read by Commissioner Raimondi 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Grieder**
  - ROLL CALL: **Commissioners Raimondi, Chase, K. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, all present. Emeritus Grieder not present.**
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- CORRESPONDENCE:
  - **48 Fairlawn St.** – Residents sent ST a letter with questions regarding tree planting. **Commissioner D. Mitchell will respond to residents with a follow up letter explaining procedure.**
  - **6 Gordon Rd.** – Resident would like to have a tree removed and a new one planted. **On list for removal and replant in December – January.**
  - **50 ARDMORE** – Residents would like to be notified when Borough trees are worked on. **Updates on tree work will be posted on the Ho-Ho-Kus web site as soon as the list is completed.**
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OLD BUSINESS:

- Must pick a date for “ARBOR DAY”  
**As part of our grant, we will be holding Arbor Day on Saturday, December 9 2017, 10:00 AM at Zabriskie Park.**
- **17 Boiling Spring Rd.** – Residents filed a permit to have Ramapo tree service transplant one tree on property. ST waived permit fee. **Work in progress.**
- **68 Brandywine** – Homeowners are following up on the timeframe for fall prune/removal. **Pruning throughout the borough will be starting in December – January.**
- **991 ESRR** – Commissioners. K. Mitchell and Raimondi to take action on the condition of the Ash tree as soon as possible before snow fall.  
**Commissioner Raimondi to do letter to residents stating they are not Borough trees.**
- **146 Lakewood Ave.** – Two trees will be removed in January 2018. **File closed**
- NEW BUSINESS/PERMITS:
- **6 Cleverdon Rd.** residents cut top of tree w/o permit.  
**Bill Comery and Commissioner Raimondi to do letter or speak to residents in coming to a conclusion.**

- **515 Blauvelt Ave.** – Residents planted two trees without a permit and has since had two alligator bags removed. Shade Tree or DPW did not remove the bags. As a courtesy DPW replaced the bags to allow trees to thrive. **File closed.**
- **3 Stone Ridge** – neighbor claims that next door neighbor wants to take a small tree (bush) down. The other neighbors claim that the bush is his and on his property and they want to keep it.  
**Neighbor dispute, bushes not in the ROW. File closed.**
- **3 Bridle Way** – Received a complaint from Property Maintenance Official, “trees are blocking a fire hydrant”. **Property Maintenance mailed letter advising the residents to clear the area for safety reasons. File closed.**
- **50 N. Franklin Turnpike**– An emergency reported to HHK PD from an individual who fell on a raised sidewalk in the ROW. **Not ST issue. File closed.**
- **599 WSRR** – Permit filed to remove two trees approved by Commissioner Raimondi. **Commissioner Raimondi and Mitchell will work with the residents for replanting project. File pending.**
- **26 Prescott Rd.** – House is being demolished and new one family home to be constructed. **Commissioner Raimondi will invoice homeowner.**
- **303 & 311 Ardmore Rd.** One family home is being demolished and two new family homes to be built. **Commissioner Raimondi to invoice both residents.**
- **40 Pitcairn Ave.** – Residents to file a permit to remove tree, permit will be done at their convenience. **Added to 2017– 2018 prune/removal list.**
- **8 Clearwater Lane** – A complaint received in regards to lights hanging on a tree in front of property. There is no issue with the lights as per Zoning Officials. **Commissioner Raimondi will check to see if they are Borough trees.**
- **52 Fairlawn St.** Residents had one tree planted this spring and would like several more planted. **Trees will be planted in the future if funds become available.**
- **77 Elmwood Ave.** – Residents would like two trees removed, they claim both trees are dead and dropping branches and would like no trees replanted in the future. **Commissioner Raimondi to do inspection.**
- **9 Marion Court** – Commissioner Chase inspected property, two trees added to 2017–2018 trim/removal list. **Added to 2017–2018 trim list.**
- **461 Racetrack Rd.** – two trees in question. Commissioner Raimondi to do inspection. **Added to 2017–2018 prune/removal list.**
- **80 Sheridan Ave** – Residents would like a dead tree removed from their property from 2017 planting and would prefer no trees replanted. **An inspection has been done and tree must be replaced.**
- **76 Arbor Dr.** –Residents have called several times in regards to having two trees trimmed for approximately 1 ½ years, Residents are requesting again for pruning and dead limbs to be removed. Residents are concerned of someone getting hurt. Residents claim that the trees have not been trimmed in 35 years. **Commissioner Raimondi will check the trees and add to our 2017–2018 prune/removal list.**

- 140 Wearimus Rd. Residents are requesting pruning.  
**ST will add to 2017-2018 prune/removal list.**
- 81 N Franklin Tpk. – An inspection will be done by ST and a report will be generated for review.
- 11 Saddle Ridge Rd. ST will do inspection of tree and a decision will be made on placement.  
**Commissioner Raimondi to do inspection and will follow up with a report.**
- 31 Prescott – Residents called to have dead tree limbs removed. Residents feel it is dangerous to pedestrians.  
**Commissioner Raimondi will check the residence and notify them when a decision has been made. Open.**

**Discussion:**

- DPW – filled in all of the flower holes on Sheridan Ave, as per resident’s request.
- The balance in ST Trust Account is in good standard of \$21,000.00.
- Commissioner Raimondi to do invoice to HHK Library and HHK School for reimbursement on work performed on trees.
- Commissioner Denise Mitchell produced an informational letter regarding (EAB) Emerald Ash Borer for public view added to the HHK web site.
- Brownie troop leader called and asked if ST is interested in their help for any planting projects. ST will keep in mind for future projects.
- 419 Hollywood Rd.\_ information to notify all Commissioners on major future renovation. STC will be notified on any future renovations.
- Laura Occhipinti, Environmental Comm. from Glen Rock looking to team up with ST to add to their web site. ST will keep the information for the future. **File closed.**
- Ridgewood Shade Tree Commission – Holding class Wednesday November 8, 2017 on “BUILDING UP URBAN ENVIRONMENT”. File closed.
- HHK Train Station – Concerns of over grown trees and shrubs will be referred to NJ Rail Road.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:  
9:45 PM