

BOROUGH OF HO-HO-KUS
SHADE TREE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
May 11, 2016

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT TIME: 7:35 PM

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:

Shade Tree Meeting was held in the Council Chambers to accommodate the larger (then usual) amount of visitors.

The open public meeting statement was read by Chairman Grieder

ROLL CALL: Present at the meeting were Commissioners Grieder, Mitchell, Raimondi, and Chase

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: - Kim Mitchell reported minutes for the Commission for Lisa Caporale, Board Secretary, who was not present.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

April 13, 2016

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

NEW BUSINESS

- 991 West Saddle River Road - The residents requested the removal of 23 existing pine trees and a large maple in order to re-landscape with 11 'Cleveland Select'. The Pine trees were planted without a permit from Shade Tree by the previous owners. The new owners agree to pay a permit fee of \$100.00 and contribute \$375.00 to replant a tree in Ho-Ho-Kus.
 - 3 Linden St. - Hired a contractor to tie in an existing storm drain to the street. The residents applied for an open road permit to connect to the street. Tree roots were damaged in the process and the tree had to come down immediately as recommended by Bill Comery, a Certified Tree Expert, for the safety of nearby residents and the public. The residents are protesting the amount of fines they incurred doing the work and that they were not told that about getting a permit under Shade Tree Ordinance before construction begins.
 - 841 West Saddle River Road- The residents are working on a large project at their home and would like the Commissioners to look at the site plan for compliance with Shade Tree Ordinance, before the project begins. It was agreed by the Commissioners to visit their home and check for compliance before the project begins.
 - 339 Wearimus Road - there are two trees within the right of way in front of the house. One of the trees is dead and the other is leaning and the top of the crown has snapped off.
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NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

- 27 Sleepy Hollow Drive – The residents are requesting a tree removal due to damage to their driveway. We will inspect the residence and report back.
- 419 Hollywood Ave – Would like a permit to remove a Linden Tree that is lifting the sidewalk. Also questioning the “sidewalk Ordinance”. The residents would like to know where exactly does it say that the residents are responsible for maintaining the sidewalk.
- 62 Arbor Drive – 1 tree in front of the property has a dead hanging tree. It has been inspected and will be added on our pruning list.
- 8 BLANCHFIELD Ct – Had to call a plumber to clip the roots in a waste pipe.
- 11 DUNCAN – The residents do not like the aesthetics of the tree roots over his lawn.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ZABRISKIE PARK – benches will be set in concrete for footings tomorrow. The Garden Club is considering donating two benches for the area they maintain. Logs have been Removed and three stumps have been ground down. A plant list still needs to be put together. Commissioner Chase has ordered the granite post.
- Ho-Ho-Kus Chamber of Commerce has planted two flowering dogwood and built a small wall to contain annuals by the town sign.
- Eagle Scout Project at Borough Hall is complete and adds a beautiful look to the building. Job well done, by our local Eagle Scouts and the Menzel Family.

DISCUSSION

- A longtime resident submitted a letter to Shade Tree complaining of the condition of the town’s parks and properties. We will discuss the issues with the Supervisor of the Department of Public Works.
- We discussed perhaps generating reports to drop off to homeowners to let them know that we have inspected their tree concerns and keep copies in a binder.
- Budget has been approved as submitted.
- Penalty money for 8 Spruce Place has been paid.

Motion to adjourn: Commissioner Raimondi
All in Favor

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Recorded by:

Kim Mitchell

Submitted by:

Lisa Caporale, Board Secretary