

BOROUGH OF HO-HO-KUS
SHADE TREE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
June 13, 2018

- MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:10 PM
 - OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT: The open public statement read by Commissioner Raimondi 2nd by Commissioner K. Mitchell.
 - ROLL CALL: Present at meeting was Commissioner Raimondi, Chase, K. Mitchell and D. Mitchell. Emeritus Grieder absent.
 - ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mary Ryan, Resident, Anthony Lombardo, Resident and Lisa Caporale, ST Secretary.
 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion made by Commissioner Raimondi to approve May 9, 2018 minutes 2nd by Commissioner K. Mitchell
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- OLD BUSINESS:

- Correspondence from HHK resident Ms. Ryan regarding planted trees downtown that are not centered inside well. Ms. Ryan also came to meeting to suggest that she along with other neighbors would like to volunteer their time to clean up downtown Sheridan Ave. The Commissioners asked Ms. Ryan to write up a proposal on her ideas for planting and cleaning with the help of the HHK Garden Club and other volunteers from town.

- NEW BUSINESS:

- 47 Arbor Dr. – Construction permits filed. House will be demolished and one new single family home built. **Will mail invoice for two trees.**
- 51 Arbor Dr. – Residents received pruning in 2017. Residents contacted STC in May 2018 to remove trees after our last storm. **Commissioner Raimondi inspected and reported that the tree is in good health for its age and no action will be taking. File closed.**
- 841 Bernard Pl. – Neighbor claims the work recently done by PSE&G damaged tree when cutting roots and would like to have an inspection done by STC over safety concerns. **PSEG to review the case and possibly remove the tree. Commissioner Chase to find a CTE for resolution by Monday and notify residents.**
- 56 Brandywine Rd. – Complaint came in from 48 Brandywine stating that tree limbs from 56 Brandywine are hanging over their driveway. They feel that the branches can fall at any time damaging their property or hurting pedestrians. **Both residence were inspected by Commissioner K. Mitchell and reported back “the tree in question is not in the Borough’s ROW”. File closed.**

- 27 Carlton Ave. – Residents will be doing repairs to their driveway and would like ST to inspect all trees on property for their integrity. **Commissioner D. Mitchell to inspect the residents and report back.**
- 823 East Saddle River Rd. – Residents contacted ST in 2017 and asked if two dead trees can be removed. Request could not be honored in 2017 due to time restraint. Residents are asking again to have the trees removed this year. **Commissioner Raimondi will call Bergen County and ask if they can remove the two trees in question.**
- 31 Elmwood Ave. Residents are asking for one tree to be pruned. Residents claim the huge tree poses danger especially with heavy winds and rain. **Commissioner Raimondi to do inspection and report back.**
- 149 N Franklin Turnpike – For review from the Commission. **Commissioner Raimondi to do inspection and report back.**
- 6 Pitcairn Ave. – Residents claim they have been asking for pruning for 5 years. **Commissioner K. Mitchell to do inspection and report back.**
- 16 Pitcairn Ave. – STC had one tree removed on property by Arrow Tree Service in May 2018. Tree stump remains. Residents would like to know when the stump will be removed. **Commissioner Raimondi to call Arrow Tree Service to remove stump. File closed**
- 18 Pitcairn – Residents would like to have hanging and dead branches removed over their driveway. Residents claim that branches fall on their cars causing damages. **Commissioner D. Mitchell inspected the residents and reported that the low branches will be added to our 2018–2019 prune list. File closed.**
- 6 Riverview Dr. – Residents filed a permit to have two Pine trees removed at homeowner’s expense. **File closed.**
- **DISCUSSION:**
- 636 Sheridan Ave. –Remove storm remanence. **File closed.**
- 13 Prescott Rd. – Dead tree on ROW. – **Tree added to removal list for 2018.**
- 81 N Franklin Turnpike – **Commissioners Chase and D. Mitchell to compose a letter to the HHK Library on results of plan review.**
- 743 W Saddle River Rd. Mosquito issue. **Not Shade Tree, File closed.**
- 1 Lloyd Rd. – Tree will be removed within 2 weeks. **File closed.**
- **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:**
David Menzel along with Troop 54 Eagle Scouts and HHK Shade Tree Commission completed a landscape project in front of Borough Hall spending 200 hours planning and preparing for the project and 12 hours of manual labor and installation. Raising their own funds for the project by selling hot dogs and drinks during the Memorial Day Parade. The Shade Tree Commission has awarded a plaque to David for his involvement in the project and is very thankful to all of the hard work done by the Eagle Scouts.

Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Raimondi seconded by K. Mitchell

All in favor

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 PM

Submitted by: Lisa Caporale, ST Secretary