



The City of Hoboken Shade Tree Commission

Minutes for Meeting on February 10, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

1. Roll call

- Present - Yuhas, Condon, Tricarico, Henriques
- Also present – Bo Dziman, Steve Fahmie, Diana Davis, Peter Cossio, Jane Mercado & Environmental Services Representative David Calamoneri

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the January 13th meeting were approved as corrected.

3. Old Business

- a.) Budget – Henriques reported that the 2014 budget is expected to be \$50k once it is approved by the City Council.
- b.) 2014 Projects – There was a lengthy discussion concerning projects for 2014 given a \$50k budget, plus \$125k donation by PSE&G, plus grant money. The agreement was that the Commission would focus on 3 projects:
 - i.) Tree planting: Leader - Steve Fahmie
 - ii.) Washington Street Tree: Leader - Matt Condon
 - iii.) Pruning: Leader – David Calamoneri
- c.) Schedule – Condon will create a recommended schedule and budget for the projects and send it to the group for comment.
- d.) Meeting – Tricarico will set up a meeting with Mayor Zimmer, Director Pellegini, David Calamoneri, and include an additional Commissioner and an additional volunteer to review the schedule and expected costs to ensure that the City supports the projects.
- e.) Story Boards – Condon will re-send the “story boards” for the 200 Block of Washington Street to everyone. Calamoneri will bring completed “story boards” to the next meeting or give a status on ordering materials. If presentation materials are ready for the 300 and 400 Blocks, they can be done as well.
- f.) Open Commission Positions – Councilman Doyle is pursuing getting three additional appointments to the Commission approved by the City Council.
- g.) Community Forestry Plan – Davis continues to work on finalizing the purchase order.
- h.) Planning Board Presentation – Condon presented to the Planning Board Shade Tree Information Packet and the Planning Board accepted the document.
- i.) Publicity – Tricarico will write a letter to the Editor of the Reporter, and Davis will edit it. Cossio will talk to Melli about the STC posting on Facebook.
- j.) STC Web Site – Cossio presented recommended changes to the STC Web Site and they were approved. There are still a couple of items to be completed and then reviewed with Juan Melli. Once posted, Cossio will continue to monitor and update the site.

k.) Shade Tree Ordinance – After finalizing the document subsequent to the discussion concerning fines, Dziman and Tricarico will meet with Councilman Doyle who has responsibility for Ordinances in order get his input, suggestions, and determine the next step.

l.) Grants – The status of the grants are:

i.) CSIP Grant has been approved and the grant has been signed by the Mayor. It requires a match of \$10k.

ii.) Green Communities Grant for 2014 – Davis and Calamoneri are handling

iii.) TD Bank Grant – Tricarico and Yugas are developing.

m.) Arts and Music Festival Material – Davis and Calamoneri are working on necessary items for the STC to have at the Festival. Davis is the leader.

4. New Business

a.) Calamoneri reviewed three situations:

i.) 1244 Bloomfield – Tree was removed and owner asked to replace

ii.) 159 First – Truck hit tree and stump remains – Stump to be removed and owner asked to replace tree

iii.) 399 Bloomfield – Request to remove tree to be determined.

b.) All Saints Day School – Yugas volunteered to work with teachers at the school so that they can create a program to help study nature.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.