



The City of Hoboken

Shade Tree Commission

Minutes
Meeting on September 9, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

1. Roll call

- Present - Condon, Dziman, Tricarico, Calamoneri, Henriques, Yuhas
- Also present - Steve Fahmie, Anthony Librizzi, Ryan Connely

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the August 12 meeting were approved.

3. Old Business

a. Freddie Moret tree dedication – Calamoneri will review with Director Pellegrini possible locations for a tree to be planted in memory of Freddie Moret.

b. Chamber of Commerce: Henriques will contact Greg Dell’Aguilla, the president of the Chamber of Commerce and Condon to explore the possibility of a business or developer sponsoring the entire Washington Street beautification project.

c. CSIP \$20,000 grant – Director Pellegrini is coordinating the pruning of hazardous trees Calamoneri will act as the point person for the Commission to keep the group undated about the status.

d. Vision Statement – Dziman and Henriques will create an outline of a plan for implementing the Vision Statement and send it to the group before the next meeting. Every agenda in the future should have a discussion on how we will achieve the Vision.

e. 100 Block of Washington Street – the signage and planting seems to be working to prevent trash being placed in tree pits.

4. New Business

a. 300 Newark Street – Anthony Librizzi representing the condo association for the building asked for recommendations for pruning and eliminating water collection on the pavers surrounding the building. Fahmie will contact Librizzi with the names of certified tree experts to help recommend a solution.

b. Tree planting – Fahmie will coordinated various aspects of the project which include posting on the web site, contacting possible homeowners and publicity for the event.

c. Meetings with Council members re Vision – meetings are in the process of being set up. As a reminder, below are the assignments:

- Director Pellegrini – Calamoneri
- Giattino – Henriques
- Castellano – Henriques - complete
- Cunningham – Dziman
- Bhalla – Dziman
- Mello – Yuhas
- Mason – Henriques
- Occhipinti – Tricarico
- Russo – Tricarico

d. 200 Block of Washington Street – Condon will coordinated the various aspects of the project including recommending a maintenance plan solution and completing the planting this fall.

e. Hot House watering – This does not seem like a viable option

f. New Ordinance – Tricarico will pursue submitting a proposed ordinance to the City Council for consideration. The ordinance included fines for homeowners who fail to maintain trees.

g. County tree planting – Tricarico and Calamoneri will discuss further tree planting support with Freeholder Romano.

h. Environmental Services report – Calamoneri reviewed status of letters being sent to homeowners of dead trees in addition to tree permit activity for the month.

i. Shade Tree Federation Conference – Calamoneri, Tricarico and Yuhas will be attending.

j. ArborPro – ArborPro submitted an invoice for corrections made to the original inventory. The group felt that the invoice should not be paid.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.