

# THE HOBOKEN SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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Ken Missbrenner, 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate

## Minutes of the January 9, 2017 Shade Tree Commission Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Present were: Commissioner Bakarich, Commissioner Sommer, 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Ken Missbrenner and Chairwoman Diana Davis.

Absent: Commissioners Condon and Cossio.

Also present: Annastacia McDonald (filling in for commission secretary, Daisy Amado).

### **AGENDA:**

1. **Approval of the minutes of the November 14, 2016 commission meeting**  
*Commissioner Missbrenner made a motion to approve the minutes with a second from Commissioner Sommer and the motion carried with three members present in favor.*
2. **Chair's Report**
  - In previous meeting(s), the Hoboken Shade Tree Commission expressed their concern for the Washington Street trees during the Washington Street project. Chairwoman Davis contacted Business Administrator, Stephen Marks. Commissioners want to see how the contractors are planning on protecting the trees. Chairwoman understands the sidewalks will not be changed; however, there is a concern about construction debris damaging the trees.
  - Chris Brown tells commissioners he doesn't think the trees would be ripped up during the Washington Street project. He told Chairwoman Davis to contact Planner Ryan Sharp regarding the planning of Washington Street.
  - Chairwoman Davis is concerned about the invoices charged to the Shade Tree Commission and would like the invoices to be sent to her for approval prior to processing.
  - Chairwoman Davis contacted Arbor Pro, the company that performed our tree inventory in 2012. Ms. Davis presented to the commission the option to upgrade our existing software. The cost is \$2,250. Chairwoman also recommended a new tree inventory.

- There has been a lot of construction since 2012 where trees have been removed and many new trees planted. In addition, many trees were destroyed due to Super Storm Sandy and Emerald Ash Bore. Cost for new inventory is \$19,125.00.
- Chairwoman Davis received an email from the NJ Tree Foundation. They asked if she wanted a minimum of 500 trees. Chairwoman Davis will complete the application to get the trees. Commissioners voted on getting 2,000 trees.  
*Chairwoman Davis motioned to complete the application with a second from Commissioner Bakarich and all members present in favor.*

**3. Revisions to Tree Planting Forms – Commissioner Condon**

Commissioner Condon was absent; therefore this is carried over to the next meeting.

**4. 502-510 Madison Project Review – Commissioner Sommer**

Commissioners are concerned about the overhead wires. They would like a wider canopy tree. The tree there now is not an appropriate tree. Commissioners would like a 5x7 pit with a larger canopy.

**5. Lot 8, Oak Tree Removal – Commissioner Sommer**

Chairwoman has meeting with landscape architect to discuss existing oak tree at property.

**6. Paterson Landscaping Jackson Street – Commissioner Sommer**

Commissioner Sommer would like 4 proposed trees at 810 Paterson Street. She recommends a 4x8 tree pit with a Japanese tree. Chairwoman Davis would like Commissioner Sommer to include additional information on the next proposal. Commissioner Sommer will print it out for next meeting.

*Chairwoman Davis motioned to approve the resolution with changes with a second from Bakarich and all members present in favor.*

**7. 720 Clinton Landscape – Commissioner Sommer**

This location needs a tree pit guard with no grate. The pit has to be 5x10 with guards. Commissioner Sommer recommends larger tree where there are no overhead wires or a shorter tree where there are wires. 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Missbrenner wants to mix species and include mulch.

**8. Tree Species Recommendations for 11<sup>th</sup> Street Island**

Chairwoman Davis requested recommendations for the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Island. She would like larger trees on that island. 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Missbrenner asked if there are issues with the soil. He also would like to know which trees were removed. Chairwoman Davis will look up what trees were removed and get back to the Commissioners with a list. Chairwoman Davis requested the girl scouts do mulching and planting before the kids get out of school for the year. She wants them to partner up with the Green Team. Commissioner Bakarich will contact the Green Team to get the project started.

**9. Public Comments (limited to five minutes per person)**

No members of the public appeared before the Commission.

**10. New Business**

- Chairwoman Davis wants fall and spring plantings. She would like to send bid out for the spring planting and will discuss with Director Pellegrini.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Missbrenner has been seeing a lot of severe pruning around town and he would like to do something about it.
- Chairwoman Davis would like the commission to be involved in the decision as to companies awarded pruning contracts for municipal trees.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Missbrenner mentioned that a large tree has been removed on 13<sup>th</sup> Street and he thinks it was by PSE&G. Chairwoman Davis said she will contact PSE&G.

*Motion to close the meeting was made by 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Missbrenner and seconded by Commissioner Sommer and all members present were in favor.*

**Meeting concluded at 8:05 p.m.**