

THE HOBOKEN SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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 Peter Cossio, Commissioner
 Amy Sommer, Commissioner
 Ken Missbrenner, 1st Alternate

Minutes of the July 11, 2016 Shade Tree Commission Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:03p.m.

ROLL CALL:

<u>BOARD MEMBERS</u>	
Commissioner Peter Bakarich	Arrived after roll call
Commissioner Matt Condon	✓
Commissioner Peter Cossio	✓
Commissioner Amy Sommer	✓
Chairwoman Diana Davis	✓
1 st Alternate, Ken Missbrenner	✓

Also Present: Daisy Amado, secretary for the commission.

AGENDA

1. Approval of the minutes of the May 9, 2016 meeting

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	No Vote
Commissioner Bakarich						✓
Commissioner Condon		✓	✓			
Commissioner Cossio			✓			
Commissioner Sommer			✓			
Chairwoman Davis			✓			
1 st Alternate, Ken Missbrenner	✓		✓			

2. Chair's Report

- Dead trees on Park Avenue were removed by the County and replaced with Red Maples. County was extremely helpful and kept the Chairwoman informed. Discussion ensued as to what other streets are considered County roads: Garden, Willow, Hudson, Newark and Park.

AGENDA ORDER RE-ARRANGED BY CHAIRWOMAN

3. Tree Planting: Sign-up process and data base

Chairwoman stated we need to come up with a better system for the Fall. Commissioner Condon discussed the Analysis forms Steve created are good, we need new spreadsheet; need to redesign and make new file. Commissioner Condon will work on this. Discussion as to form on iPhone. Currently all three spreadsheets are hosted by Steve and should not be hosted by any particular Commissioner. Shade Tree Commission needs its own google address – Chairwoman will ask IT about email address. Commissioner Condon will attempt to figure out redesigning data base.

Commissioner Cossio mentioned he paid for Shade Tree domain name for two years and needs to be reimbursed for same.

4. Public Comments (limited to five minutes per person)

No members of the public appeared before the Commission.

7:18pm OFF THE RECORD

7:40pm BACK ON THE RECORD

5. New Business

- Commissioner Sommer will write recommendations for protecting trees during construction.
- 1st Alternate, Ken Missbrenner discussed new trees on Willow and 15th, across from the car wash, the sidewalk was redone and there were new trees put in, the tree pits are 3x3. Chairwoman will ask the Planning/Zoning secretary about this.
- Discussion on signs to put on trees in connection to curbing dogs. Chairwoman mentioned this would be a good project for Girl Scouts.
- Chairwoman shared a letter from Paul Cowie in connection to Rutgers Urban Forestry Department working on a research project designed to document the average life expectancy of common tree species growing under different urban conditions in northern and central New Jersey. Goal is to provide municipalities with the information to better forecast long term maintenance and replacement of trees. This study will include Resistograph drilling. Discussion ensued as to whether Shade Tree Commission is agreeable to include some of its street and park trees in this study.

Vote agreeing to allow Rutgers Urban Forestry Department to conduct study/research on life expectancy for trees as described above

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	No Vote
Commissioner Bakarich			✓			
Commissioner Condon			✓			
Commissioner Cossio		✓	✓			
Commissioner Sommer	✓		✓			
Chairwoman Davis			✓			
1 st Alternate, Ken Missbrenner			✓			

New Business (continued)

- Commissioner Cossio discussed the need for the Shade Tree Commission website to be updated as we have old photos and outdated contact information.

Motion to close the meeting.

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	No Vote
Commissioner Bakarich						
Commissioner Condon	✓					
Commissioner Cossio		✓				
Commissioner Sommer						
Chairwoman Davis						
1 st Alternate, Ken Missbrenner						

Meeting concluded at 8:02p.m.

(Minutes taken/submitted by D. Amado)