

THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of the March 10, 2008 Meeting

A. ROLL CALL

- Commission Members Present: Stephen Wing, Chairman
Tammy Jorgensen
Kate Orecchio
Irwin Langewisch
Jim Malaney
- Alternates: Mary Ludwig
Bryan Mancini
- Recording Secretary: Theresa Nickols

B. CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman Wing called the meeting to order at 7:13 P.M.

C. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

AND CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 11, 2008 MEETING

- Chairman Wing announced that the switch between Mary Ludwig and Irwin Langewisch as member and alternate, wherein M. Ludwig is now no longer a member and is an alternate, as well, I. Langewisch is now a member and no longer an alternate; This switch was accepted and noted by City Clerk, Alan Jepson; Chairman Wing read the letter from the City Clerk.
- The members considered the minutes from the February 11, 2008 meeting; the members suggested the following changes:
 1. Page 2: last line "chief refused" should be replaced with "the Chairman will attempt to advance the situation;"
 2. Number 4 under consideration of minutes should be "Yoshino" not "Yochina;"
 3. Under "Arboretum" section selling correction on "Glenn Dreyer;"
 4. as well as a few minor spelling errors and typos.
- Chairman Wing noted that he will make inquiries about money from CT Urban Forest Council to the City Finance Department.
- M. Ludwig moved to accept the minutes with corrections and as otherwise presented; K. Orecchio seconded the motion; the members voted and the motion was unanimously passed.

D. TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

- The Tree Warden was not present.
- I. Langewisch will get paperwork from the Tree Warden about the tree removals.
- S. Wing noted that it would be helpful to know when trees are coming down especially in high profile areas (like duck pond) because the Commission always gets calls.

E. ARBORETUM

- Chairman Wing noted that Ed Vaughn is back in town and that it is Spring!
- M. Ludwig noted that she is going to order the cherry trees that Planter's Choice has.
- M. Ludwig noted that Young's also has some cherry trees and then a discussion among the members ensued regarding the planting and deliver fees, as well as the overall prices.
- It was noted that the plans were laminated.
- I. Langewisch said there is also a birch tree listed to go in near the cherry trees that needs to be picked up too.
- A discussion ensued among the members regarding the different types of trees in the plans.
- S. Wing urged everyone to read Michael Durr about sycamores...because of drop wood and disease; he opines they are just better off in nature.
- B. Mancini asked Chairman Wing to give Katherine Murray a copy of the Arboretum Plans for the brochure.
- Chairman Wing announced he will do the tags for the Arboretum.
- J. Malaney asked members how a neighbor would go about getting a memorial tree; M. Ludwig explained procedure.
- I. Langewisch announced that he can get for approximately \$375, benches set on concrete pad, if someone was interested in doing memorial benches with memorial trees, as an option.
- K. Orecchio said no...which ignited a discussion amongst the members.
- B. Mancini asked if the Commission ever put in the newspaper anything about the Memorial Tree program; M. Ludwig said yes and explained all the details.

F. GREENING OF THE POST ROAD

- K. Orecchio notes that the project is in limbo because the funds were sent over to Munroe Street (Phase II diverted).
- K. Orecchio noted that Steve Craftmiller is supposed to be looking up a set of plans.
- K. Orecchio still has to do report and get Dave Sulkis an accounting of trees planted last year and which ones are dead.
- K. Orecchio to ask Tom Ivers about Goodwill Strip Mall property.
- Chairman Wing noted that there maybe another Supermarket coming to Milford.

G. STORM DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

- Chairman Wing noted that he e-mailed John O'Connell to ask about whether the Mayor talked to Chief about kit; he has not responded yet.

H. NURSERY

- I. Langewisch did presentation at UCONN today and noted that everyone was impressed with the Nursery in Milford.

I. TREE ORDINANCE

- B. Mancini will e-mail it around again to refresh memories; otherwise tabled.

J. EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

- The members reviewed the program that B. Mancini organized and put on at the library last month.
- Everyone agreed that it was a little too long in running time.
- However, everyone agreed it was a great program.
- The members discussed leads they got this year and how to organize it better next time
- The Tree Commission congratulates Bryan Mancini!

K. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW MATTERS

- Chairman Wing announced that the Commission is all caught up and none pending.
- Chairman Wing notes that it is helpful to get and put pictures with the review, commenting that it makes it more compelling; and should try to make reviews consistent in format.
- Chairman Wing handed out current contact information for the people on the Planning and Zoning Board.
- Chairman Wing also passed around a memorandum from Tom Ivers to Rich Tomasco about trees on Ellis Street and Stowe Farm properties; K. Orecchio will talk to Tom Ivers about it.

L. MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

- The members discussed changes in officers and decided to research the procedure for discussion and maybe a vote at the next meeting.

M. CONCLUSION OF MEETING

- All other matters were tabled.
- I. Langewisch moved to adjourn the meeting, K. Orecchio seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously.
- The March 10, 2008 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 8:44 P.M.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held March 10, 2008 are respectfully submitted,

By:

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Recording Secretary