

THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of the April 10, 2017 Meeting

A. ROLL CALL

Commission Members:

Bryan Mancini - Chairman
Kate Orecchio - Vice Chairman
Jim Malaney - Co -Vice Chairman
David Skirkanich
Seny Ricardi

Recording Secretary:

Annie Mecca

Absent:

David Skirkanich

B. CALL TO ORDER

Bryan Mancini called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m.

C. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- Seny Ricardi made a motion to accept the minutes to the meeting on March 13, 2017. Jim Malaney seconded the motion. The minutes from the March 13, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Financial Report – As of March 31, 2017, the Financial Report is as follows: \$150.00 for Secretarial Fees, \$1,000 for Trees and Shrubs, \$1 for Travel, \$5.00 for postage, \$5.00 for Duplication, \$5.00 for Office Supplies and \$5.00 for Printing and Binding.
- Review of United Illuminating and meeting with the Mayor – Last Wednesday, April 5, 2017, Kate Orecchio and Bryan Mancini had a meeting with Mayor Blake, Public Works' Chris Saley, several personnel from UI and Ellen Beatty, Alderwoman from the 1st District to discuss the communication breakdown as to when and where the tree cutting crews would be in town. As a result, a UI Project Manager will be sending a weekly email to Bryan Mancini, indicating the location and date of where the crews will be going forward, and also attached a map of Milford's 8 Circuits and streets as to where the crews will be. This coming week, the UI crews will be at Pond Point, Brewster and Naugatuck. UI will also be sending Bryan Mancini a list of objections from people who prefer to have their trees trimmed but not removed.

E. TREE WARDEN REPORT / STREET TREE MATTERS

- The Giant Ash Tree in front of City Hall has been posted to come down – this tree is very unhealthy and Bryan Mancini gave the approval to have the tree come down.

F. ARBORETUM

- Plaques and Planting – A Magnolia tree is scheduled to be planted past the waterfall on April 29, 2017.

G. TREE NURSERY

- Bryan Mancini has purchased special pins to secure the protective sheeting in the Nursery.

H. STREET TREE REPLACEMENTS/TREE REQUESTS

- Benneville Park – This location will receive 12 assorted trees. The cost of the trees will be covered by some of the America the Beautiful grant. Bryan Mancini indicated that Public Works will pre-dig the holes for the trees. This planting project will take place on April 29, 2017.
- Founders Park – The Fowler Memorial Building is putting in a new walkway and should be completed by Memorial Day. Bryan Mancini had a discussion with Public Works' Chris Saley regarding appropriate plantings for the new walkway area. Three shade trees will be planted, and the plan also calls for some ornamental flowers that would not block the view there. Bryan Mancini will email some suggestions to Chris Saley to discuss placements of the new plantings.

I. OPEN GRANTS & GRANT APPLICATIONS

- America the Beautiful Grant –The Ash and Elm injections are now available for trees on the Green and will be administered on a date to be determined.

J. EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

- None at this time.

K. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW MATTERS

- Three Plans on Plains Road and the Post Road – The first plan is for a shopping center on Boston Post Road. 52 shade trees are going in to shade 260 parking spaces. This meets and/or exceeds the Commission's regulations. The area is overplanted as there are more shade trees than parking spaces.
- The 2nd plan is for a hotel on Plains Road – the plan calls for 46 shade trees for 230 parking spaces. Again, this meets and/or exceeds the Commission's regulations, again the area is overplanted.
- The 3rd plan is for a residential apartment complex with the buildings broken out around the proposed property. There are 47 trees on the list to be planted; however, the plan should have 55 trees per regulations as there are more parking spaces than trees in this configuration. Bryan Mancini will write the recommendation letter.

L. ADJOURNMENT

- Kate Orecchio made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Seny Ricardi seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously. The April 10, 2017 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held April 10, 2017 are respectfully submitted,

By: _____

Annie Mecca

Recording Secretary