

THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of the May 11, 2009 Meeting

A. ROLL CALL

Commission Members Present:

Kate Orecchio, Vice Chairman

James Malaney

Mary Ludwig

Alternates:

Bryan Mancini, Dave Skirkanich

Absent:

George Noyes, Irwin Langewisch, Chairman

Recording Secretary:

Annie Mecca

B. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Kate Orecchio called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

C. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Mary Ludwig made a motion to accept the minutes to the meeting of April 13, 2009.

Bryan Mancini seconded the motion. The minutes from the March 9, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Need to check with Irwin if the check for Claire Rutledge from the CT Agricultural Experiment Station received the stipend of \$50.00 for her January 31, 2009 services.
- Commission submitted a letter to the Mayor requesting that Bryan Mancini and George Noyes switch their commissions with the Tree Commission – that Bryan become a full member and that George become an Alternate, for the duration of their respective terms. The letter was prepared by Annie Mecca, sent to Irwin Langewisch and Irwin sent the letter on to the Mayor's office. They are in receipt of the letter and we are awaiting the decision.
- Arbor Day – was held at Meadowside School - 12 trees were planted. One tree is named for the principal, Bob Davis
- Bryan sent an email to Phyllis at the Planning & Zoning Board regarding approval of the regulation that provides the minimum tree caliper is 2.5 inches, and that the minimum for flowering trees is 2 inches. Phyllis will follow up with David – this should pass.
- Donations for English Elm – Press Release ran in the local papers – to date, still no donation response.
- Bryan Mancini took a drive to investigate dead trees on Shelland Drive, according to a Caswell Cove resident, and did not find any. Mary Ludwig will again reinvestigate as to what exactly is dead; a tree, or a large weed.
- Need 2 Coral Bark trees for Alan Barrien for Mary Taylor Church – check with Irwin for the planting permit. Maria Macri needs a memorial tree, either a Dawn Redwood or similar to be planted in Jefferson Park.

E. TREE WARDEN REPORT

- Richard Tomasco, Tree Warden, was not present. There was no report.

F. ARBORETUM

- Gingko Tree for Tony and Val Urban –memorial tree was planted on the Green in front of Hurwitz.
- Landscape Architect Ed Vaughn (Legacy Arboretum) passed by the Cherry Tree Grove and said it looked “beautiful.” Kate suggested a get-together to discuss ideas for a sign that is posted to indicate which trees are memorial trees, species, etc.

G. OPEN GRANTS & GRANT APPLICATIONS

- Glenn Dreyer Update: Commission will contact Cathy Murray for maps and Steve Wing for the tree tags and brochures.
- Phase 1 of the Greening of the Post Road – Westfield Funds – Check with Irwin – Call Before You Dig – for marked trees
- Jim Malaney located the Tulip Tree – it is on hold at the East Haven Nursery.
- Greening of the Post Road Phase 3 – Kate Orecchio updated - Forest Service – 50 Trees – Permissions are coming in – 6 to 8 property owners. Should start planting by June 1st.

H. TREE INVENTORY / MANAGEMENT PLAN

- This discussion was tabled.

I. STORM DAMAGE ASSESMENT

- No report at this time. Discussion has been tabled. Will probably never hear from Homeland Security; Mary Ludwig to inquire of John Hangen for follow up.

J. TREE NURSERY

- On April 18th, Bryan Mancini transplanted 50 trees into 25 gal. pots, and reset the rows so they look nice.

K. STREET TREE REPLACEMENTS

- Bryan Mancini is waiting for a list for Tree Replacement. Perhaps plan a meeting with Public Works.
- A resident on Meadowside Road wants a tree to alleviate parking problem.
- Mary Ludwig will call “Tim” – he would like more shade trees (perhaps 4) at Heritage Sound along Viscount Drive.
- Kate Orecchio spoke to the groundskeeper at the Milford Bank branch on the Green – he asked if we could donate a couple of ornamental trees (Pears, Dogwoods?) Mary Ludwig will take a ride over there and have a look.

L. GREENING OF THE POST ROAD

These minutes have been reviewed or approved.

- Phase 1 of the Greening of the Post Road – Westfield Funds – Check with Irwin – Call Before You Dig – for marked trees

M. EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

- Flyers were handed out at the “Meet the Artists”– Milford –on May 9-10, 2009

N. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW MATTERS

- Reviewed SMI Showmotion, Inc., 1024 Bridgeport Ave. They have 40 parking spaces; trees mentioned they will have on the property are: TGG, 8 Shade Trees, 2 Ginkgos, Dogwood, Inkberry, ARO, 4 London Plain, and will be taking the “lawn” out and replacing with plants.
- Bryan Mancini will compose the letter to SMI Showmotion, Inc.
- Hilton Hotel did receive the letter Bryan Mancini sent regarding their property.

O. ADJOURNMENT

- Bryan Mancini moved to adjourn the meeting, Mary seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously.
- The May 11, 2009 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held May 11, 2009 are respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Annie Mecca
Recording Secretary