

## **THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION**

### ***Minutes of the May 12, 2014 Meeting***

#### **A. ROLL CALL**

Commission Members:

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

Recording Secretary:

Annie Mecca

Absent:

Kate Orecchio  
Melissa Smith

#### **B. CALL TO ORDER**

Jim Malaney called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Bryan Mancini was tardy.

#### **C. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

- Jim Malaney made a motion to accept the minutes to the meeting on April 14, 2014. Seny Ricardi seconded the motion. The minutes from the April 14, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved with corrections.

#### **D. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

- Financial Report - \$150 for Secretarial Fees, \$750.00 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.
- June Tree-Themed Show – Milford Trees, Inc. is sponsoring a Tree Themed Show, June 12<sup>th</sup> and runs for one month at the Milford Arts Building. Our own Bryan Mancini will be one of the judges. There will also be a Tree Walking Tour of Notable Trees which will take place on June 14<sup>th</sup> starting at Noon.

#### **E. TREE WARDEN REPORT / STREET TREE MATTERS**

- Meadowside Road - David Skirkanich mentioned that all the White Pine Trees were tagged for takedown, approximately 20 trees. Kate Orecchio went down to Public Works to appeal this decision, but time had expired to do that. Bryan Mancini will draft a letter to Public Works to request a meeting for clarification of why these trees are tagged.

#### **F. ARBORETUM**

- Trees Across from Milford Bank –Seny Riccardi gave us a recap of the 90 minute ceremony for Milford’s Arbor Day on April 26th. 6 Yoshino Cherry Trees were planted across from Milford Bank; Phil Vetro delivered the Proclamation in Mayor Blake’s absence.
- June 15<sup>th</sup> Plantings– a Tupelo Memorial Tree will be planted for the Sicilian Family; additional trees will be planted as replacements on the Green and also at the Fowler Building.

#### **G. OPEN GRANTS & GRANT APPLICATIONS**

- There are no open grants at this time.

#### **H. TREE NURSERY**

- The Budget is still pending from the Board of Alderman for additional monies to be provided in our Budget to purchase more trees.
- The Deer Fence is almost complete – the poles are up and we are just waiting for the fencing material to be installed.

#### **I. STREET TREE REPLACEMENTS**

- Evergreen for Woodmont Park off Hawley Avenue – Bryan Mancini purchased the tree for this property – a Colorado Blue Spruce as a replacement for the original tree that was planted at the new Sandy Hook Park. Tom Hunt from Public Works said he would take care of the planting of this tree.

#### **J. EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES**

- None at this time.

#### **K. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW MATTERS**

- 667 Bridgeport Avenue (formerly Armellino’s) Chevrolet Expansion Update – They have agreed to replace the 4 trees that were missing from the original Plot Plan.
- 1080 Bridgeport Avenue (formerly Wayne’s Tires) (formerly Showcase Cinemas) – Overall, the plans exceed the amount of trees required. Kate Orecchio had reviewed the plans previously. Bryan Mancini will be writing the recommendation letter.
- 200 High Street – Laurelton Hall – they are proposing a new synthetic field. Kate Orecchio looked at the property previously. They want to widen the driveway. Kate Orecchio had suggested they plant some trees near the parking area. Bryan Mancini will write the recommendation letter.
- 1595-1645 Boston Post Road (formerly Smiles)This is a proposed mall; similar to the Milford Marketplace across the street. A Single-story retail area with

underground parking, as well as around the retail space. They exceed the tree requirements. Bryan Mancini will write the recommendation letter.

- 23 Meadows End (John Armellino's house) - They are turning the house into an office. Zoning has been changed to accommodate. No landscaping has been proposed; the property basically meets the requirements. Kate Orecchio and Bryan Mancini suggested one additional tree should be planted in front.
- 701 North Street – revisited – Orchards Gold Course – They will be building 5 houses on the property. Some apple trees will be removed, but enough trees overall will also exceed the requirements for the property. In addition they are also planting 6 Red Maples.

#### **L. ADJOURNMENT**

- Jim Malaney made a motion to adjourn the meeting, David Skirkanich seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously.
- The May 12, 2014 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 12, 2014 are respectfully submitted,

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Annie Mecca  
Recording Secretary