

THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of the November 13, 2006 Meeting

A. ROLL CALL

- Commission Members Present: Stephen Wing, Chairman
Kate Orecchio, Vice Chairwoman
Mary Lugwig, Member
- Liaison to Planning and Zoning: Jeanne Cervin
- Also Present: Rich Tomasco, Tree Warden
Theresa Nickols, Recording Secretary
- Commission Members Not Present: Tammy Jorgensen
John Westerman

B. CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman Wing called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

C. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM October 10, 2006 REGULAR MEETING

- The members suggested the following changes:
 - (1) Change the spelling of M. Ludwig's last name; and
 - (2) Change the "Mick" to "Mike"
- M. Ludwig moved to accept the minutes, K. Orecchio seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Chairman Wing announced the receipt of J. Westerman's resignation from the Milford Tree Commission.
- Chairman Wing noted that he spoke to J. Westerman and thanked him for his service to the commission.
- M. Ludwig reported that Mike Ludwig picked up the watering tank from J. Westerman.
- The members discussed potential replacements of J. Westerman's spot on the commission.
- The members also discussed the possibility of having alternates on the commission.
- It was reported that the commission has \$370.00 from the Connecticut Urban Forest Council.
- A discussion among the members ensued regarding the various possible uses of the money.

- A motion was made by M. Ludwig to use the money in the Arboretum, the motion was seconded by K. Orecchio, the motion was voted on by the members and carried unanimously.
- Chairman Wing suggested that the matter concerning J. Westerman's replacement be tabled until all members were present.

E. TREE WARDEN STATUS

- Chairman Wing explains to R. Tomasco that this is an opportunity for both, he and the commission, to interact.
- R. Tomasco reported that one tree came down in the latest storm on Colonial.
- Chairman Wing inquired as to the tree in front of Peter DiPietro's house.
- R. Tomasco reported that he sent DiPietro a letter and that he will send another one (registered) explaining that he needs to replant or pay a fine.
- A discussion among the members ensued regarding playground.
- K. Orecchio asked M. Ludwig (president of Milford Trees, Inc.) if Milford Trees, Inc. would help plant trees at the Glennon property.

F. MEMORIAL TREES

- It was reported that Bonnie Smith went to the Chamber of Commerce and wants to plant another tree.
- K. Orecchio said she will call Mrs. Smith.

G. GRANTS / LEGACY ARBORETUM / IN-TOWN ARBORETUM

- Chairman Wing reported that he spoke to Ed Vaughn regarding his friend Peter who will be making a donation to the Arboretum.

H. GREENING ON THE POST ROAD

- K. Orecchio reported that she went and looked at trees.

I. TREE INVENTORY / MANAGEMENT PLAN

- M. Ludwig reported that she inventoried trees at Foran High School with a trimble.
- Chairman Wing discussed how the inventory can potentially help the tree warden.

J. TREE NURSERY

- Chairman Wing noted that since the last meeting, the Tree Nursery has been visited by a group of people from the Department of Agriculture (Forest Service Experts).
- Chairman Wing also noted that the group had a lasagna dinner at The Ludwigs and that Milford Trees Inc. gave a world wind presentation.
- Chairman Wing also noted that the group said lots of nice things about Milford.
- M. Ludwig reported that she spoke with Don Smith, a state forester, and that he said "you folks [in Milford] do everything for everybody and thanks for making us look so good!"

- Wing noted that the minutes should reflect that the group award Milford the "Outstanding Award for a Project" (for the Tree Inventory) and that Irwin Langsweich was recognized as well for his professional contribution by the Connecticut Urban Forest Council.

K. EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

- M. Ludwig reported that she spoke to Chris Donnelly and that he said on some February Saturday morning they will conduct a training session on how to identify winter trees.

L. INTERAGENCY REVIEW MATTERS

- Chairman Wing discussed the property at the power plant on Naugatuck Avenue.
- M. Ludwig presented pictures.
- The members discussed the status of trees at the site.
- K. Orecchio discussed the property where Lazyboy furniture is (where Frank's used to be).
- K. Orecchio concluded that they have planted more trees than are required, however they are missing one in the back.

M. CONCLUSION OF MEETING

- All other matters were tabled.
- M. Ludwig moved to adjourn the meeting, K. Orecchio seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously.
- The November 13, 2006 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 8:44 P.M.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held November 13, 2006 are respectfully submitted,

By: _____
THERESA ROSE NICKOLS
Recording Secretary