

THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of the December 10, 2012 Meeting

A. ROLL CALL

Commission Members:

Bryan Mancini - Chairman
Kate Orecchio, Vice Chairman
Jim Malaney
David Skirkanich
Melissa Smith
Seny Ricardi
Jennifer Ibarra

Recording Secretary:

Annie Mecca

Absent:

Jim Malaney
Jennifer Ibarra

B. CALL TO ORDER

Bryan Mancini called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

C. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- Dave Skirkanich made a motion to accept the minutes to the meeting on September 10th, 2012. Kate Orecchio seconded the motion. The minutes from the September 10th, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Financial Report - Currently, \$525.00 for Secretarial Fees, \$500.00 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.
- Bryan Mancini turned in our Budget: \$600.00 in 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. For a total of \$1121.00. Next year Bryan Mancini will be asking for \$1371.00 for our Budget next year from the Aldermen.
- Next month in our January 2013 meeting, we will hold the elections for Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
- Here are the meeting dates for 2013: January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, Tuesday, October 15, Tuesday November 12 and December 9. All dates except October and November Mondays.

E. TREE WARDEN REPORT

- No Report at this time.

F. STREET TREE MATTERS

- Storm Damage: Last year with Irene there were Silver Maples that were downed on Sea Flower road. This year, with upper Storm Sandy, there are 6 Silver maples down in Bryan Mancini's neighborhood. The Silver maples in both locations are becoming a hazard. In Bryan Mancini's observations, a majority of trees were street trees as opposed to private trees that came down. "Structure Soil" could be a possibility going forward to help tree root systems in the event of more storms. In addition, there may be a possibility that FEMA would assist us in the allotment of funds for replacement trees. Kate Orecchio and Bryan Mancini will investigate.
- Mary Ellen Drive: Seny Ricardi had indicated that at least 6 Cherry trees were taken down on the right side of the street several days before Super Storm Sandy. Bryan Mancini also saw it. Bryan will put this incident on his Call List to Public Works and also request a report on what trees might be slated to be removed and when.

ARBORETUM

- We lost several trees on the Green from the Storm; a large Norway, Ginkgo and a Sweet Gum. An additional tree fell into the Duck Pond that must be removed, as well as a dogwood and pine that need to be replaced. Kate Orecchio suggested that the Arboretum needs an Arboretum Committee to oversee the Memorial Trees. Kate Orecchio will speak to Mr. Dreyer and Bryan Mancini will talk with the Mayor regarding a new committee. Kate Orecchio also has the third Holly Bush that needs to be planted by George Smith's on the Green.

H. OPEN GRANTS & GRANT APPLICATIONS

- There are no open grants at this time.

I. TREE NURSERY

- Project Update on Nursery Re-Design: everything is on hold due to Super Storm Sandy. Trees that had roots cut were laid down so they would not be damaged and were mulched. Bryan Mancini filed for an extension on the project. The electric fence has been removed and a new, permanent 8 ft. tall Deer Fence will be erected in its place.

J. STREET TREE REPLACEMENTS

- Beardsley Road – the Committee has been granted approval to plant 20 trees in this area.

K. EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

- None at this time.

L. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW MATTERS

- 835 Boston Post Road. The plans meet the Commission's specifications. A Recommendation letter will be written and submitted.

M. ADJOURNMENT

- Dave Skirkanich moved to adjourn the meeting, Kate Orecchio seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously.
- The December 10, 2012 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held December 10, 2012 are respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Annie Mecca
Recording Secretary