

City of Milford, Connecticut Tree Commission





Bryan Mancini, Chair Kate Orecchio, Vice Chair

Minutes of the January 10, 2011 Meeting

A. Roll Call

Commission Members Present: Bryan Mancini-Chairman

Kate Orecchio- Vice Chair

Dave Skirkanich Jim Malaney

Secretary: Absent:

Bryan Mancini Mary Ludwig

B. Call to Order

Bryan Mancini called the meeting to order at 7:12pm

C. Administrative Matters

a. Elections

Bryan Mancini asked for nominations for Chairman. Dave Skirkanich nominated Bryan Mancini and Kate Seconded. Bryan asked for any nominations. Hearing none members unanimously voted Bryan as Chairman. Bryan asked for Vice Chair nominations. Jim nominated Kate Orecchio. Dave seconded. Bryan asked for any other nominations, hearing none, members unanimously voted Kate as Vice Chair.

b. Approval of Minutes

Corrections to the 12/31/10 minutes are as follows: In Commissioners present remove Mary Ludwig. Under G first bullet last line should say Westshore Recreation Center not Middle School. Under N the tree Amelanchir should be spelled Amelanchier. Kate made a motion to accept minuets with corrections. Dave Second. Motion passed unanimously

c. Financial Report

There is \$375 in secretary fees; \$500 in trees; \$1 in Travel; \$50 in postage; and \$25 in each of the following Duplicating, Office Supply and Printing & Binding.

d. Alternates

Bryan asked for some names of individuals possibly interested in being alternates. Dave suggested Steve Kraffmiller and Paul Jorgensen. Bryan suggested another local

tree/landscaper named Steve Banya. Bryan will investigate if the individuals are interested.

D. Tree Warden Report/Street Tree Matters

a. Kate reported that a tree on Fairfield Street came down in one of the storms. The tree was removed by Public Works.

E. Arboretum

- a. Bryan reported that the rest of the tags need to go on the trees in the spring. The main area to be finished is the green. Members agreed that a tagging operation would be undertaken as soon as possible in the spring. Kate and Bryan noticed that one of the Arboretum signs across from Lafayette Street is missing. It is possible a plow hit it or it was blown off in the wind. When the snow melts they will look for the sign. Replacement will come from the 04-05 CDBG that has money in it.
- b. Members discussed meeting with the Park, Beach and Recreation commission about the Arboretum, their control of the trees and the future management of the Arboretum. Bryan will also inquire to the Mayor as what the future may hold for setting up a formal committee as the trees and land are city owned.

F. Open Grants

a. 04-05 CDBG. Steve Wing, Kate and Steve Kraffmiller are working on finishing the display maps and hope to have them ready by the middle of March.

G. Nursery

a. Nothing to report until spring

H. Street Tree Replacements

a. To much snow to do these right now

I. Inter-agency Reviews

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a. None at this time

J. Adjournment.

a. Members decided to cancel the Feb. 14, 2011 meeting as things are slow, budget restrictions make it impossible to hold 12 meetings and it is Valentine's Day. Jim motioned to adjourn and Kate seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:34.

The minutes of the January 10, 2011 meeting of the Tree Commission are respectfully submitted,

Bryan Mancini Chairman