

THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of the February 11, 2008 Meeting

A. ROLL CALL

- Commission Members Present: Stephen Wing, Chairman
Tammy Jorgensen
Kate Orecchio
Mary Ludwig
Jim Malaney
- Alternates: Irwin Langewisch
Bryan Mancini
- Recording Secretary: Theresa Nickols

B. CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman Wing called the meeting to order at 7:12 P.M.

C. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 10, 2007 MEETING

- The members suggested the following changes:
 1. January 1 should be January 10 and March 1 should be March 10 under the proposed schedule of meetings for 2008.
 2. Correct the spelling of "Schick."
 3. Williamson Sword should be Wilkinson Sword.
 4. Yoshino should be Yochina.
- The members accepted the minutes as otherwise presented.

D. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 14, 2008 MEETING

- The members suggested the following changes:
 1. "What" should be "want" under section I.
- The members accepted the minutes as otherwise presented.

E. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Chairman Wing revised the meeting dates for the Commission for 2008 and e-mailed them to all interested parties.
- The switch between Alternate (Irwin Langewisch) and Member/Commissioner (Mary Ludwig) will take place on March 5, 2008; each will serve out the others term.

- Some members attended the Ethics Session; at which K. Orecchio asked if a member of the Tree Commission could take shrubs that were to be bulldozed from an applicant; the answer was 'No' and that it gave an 'Appearance of Impropriety.'
- Chairman Wing did not have the latest financial statement from the city with him; however he noted the Commission has not spent any money for the year to date and will tonight for secretarial fees.
- M. Ludwig reported an \$809 bill for perma mulch rings from Planters Choice and noted that the only way it could be paid by the city is if it was separately invoiced.
- A discussion ensued among the members as to the Connecticut Housing Authority grant of \$500 and the Community Development grant of \$500.
- K. Orecchio suggested that the Tree Commission give out Certificates of Appreciation/Merit for the memorial trees; Chairman Wing appointed K. Orecchio the Chairperson of the Task Force for said Certificates.
- A discussion ensued among the members as to the splitting of bills relative to partnerships between the Commission, Milford Trees, Inc. and Public Works.

F. TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

- The Tree Warden was not present.
- I. Langewisch will get paperwork from the Tree Warden about the tree removals.
- The members discussed the problems at Intervale Road; S. Wing noted that he wrote a letter to the Mayor and copied the Police Department and Mr. Masud.
- B. Mancini noted that he drove by and I. Langewisch noted that he would like to petition the powers that be to get part of the road permanently shut down.

G. ARBORETUM

- M. Ludwig noted that the Cherry Grove will be ordered for the upper duck pond.
- T. Jorgensen reported that she spoke to Julie French about the Live Oak.
- A discussion of the species Live Oak, and the trees around the green ensued among the members; I. Langewisch noted that he will contact Ed Vaughn for advice and K. Orecchio suggested maybe contacting Glen Dwyer as well.
- M. Ludwig noted that they need the tags, and S. Wing noted that its on his 'to do' list.
- A discussion of how to get tag information on a vector file ensued among the members, as well as a discussion of the types of files accepted by the tag makers.

H. GRANTS

- Chairman Wing noted that he received in the mail recently a package from Tom Ivers announcing the upcoming grants available.
- All members agreed to finish projects that are currently in the works and hold off on pursuing other/new projects/grants.

I. STORM DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

- Chairman Wing noted that he has a call into the Mayor regarding the Storm Damage Assessment issues.
- A discussion ensued about keeping the instrument as Public Works.
- Chairman Wing commented that there should be a dedicated instrument and it should be generally accessible.
- The Chief refused.

J. GREENING OF THE POST ROAD

- M. Ludwig reported there will be a meeting on February 28, 2008.
- S. Wing noted that he wrote the outline of the manual and he would like K. Orecchio to take care of the inventory.

K. TREE ORDINANCE

- Tabled.

L. Party: Annual Celebration of Trees

- Will take place on March 16th from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Train Station (Milford Fine Arts Council).
- Set up starts at 2PM.
- I. Langewisch will provide picture of tree.

M. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW MATTERS

1. 51 and 53 Eastern Steel Road
Industrial park off of Woodmont Road
Presently outdoor storage for Center Autobody
Owners/Applicants (Connors Property, LLC) want to insert another building on property
Plans call for 10 new parking spaces and 2 new trees
Planting Plan states: "street tree types will be in compliance with Planning and Zoning requirements" and the existing trees were missing off the drawings
The members noted that varieties and size are supposed to be specified, as well as minimum branch height
Report Due: February 12, 2008; Steve Wing will prepare it
2. 141-159 Merwin Avenue
Owner/Applicant: John Paul Garcia and Associates
There are plans for 12 proposed trees and 33 parking spaces
Members discussed telephone pole placements relative to plantings
Comments included that the plans need shade trees and diversity
Report Due on Tuesday, February 26, 2008
K. Orecchio will go do a site investigation, M. Ludwig will take pictures and S. Wing will prepare the written report.
3. 364 Bridgeport Avenue
S. Wing recused himself from the review
The plans call for removal of 8 trees
Plan is for Condo units
Members discussed the details of the proposed tree varieties
K. Orecchio will go investigate the site and write up the report, M. Ludwig will type the report which is due on Tuesday, February 26, 2008.

N. MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

- M. Ludwig noted that she was contacted by Marge Winkleman about dumping and cutting trees down in Devon around Court Street and Third Avenue.

- I. Langewisch noted that on April 19th he will be a judge at the CT Tree Climbing Championship in New Haven.

O. CONCLUSION OF MEETING

- All other matters were tabled.
- B. Mancini moved to adjourn the meeting, K. Orecchio seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously.
- The February 11, 2008 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 8:37 P.M.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held February 11, 2008 are respectfully submitted,

By: THERESA ROSE NICKOLS
Recording Secretary