

THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of the April 9, 2012 Meeting

A. ROLL CALL

Commission Members:

Bryan Mancini - Chairman
Kate Orecchio, Vice Chairman
Jim Malaney
Carol Dunn
Melissa Smith

Recording Secretary:

Annie Mecca

Absent:

Dave Skirkanich, Seny Ricardi

B. CALL TO ORDER

Bryan Mancini called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

C. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- Jim Malaney made a motion to accept the minutes to the meeting on March 12, 2012. Kate Orecchio seconded the motion. The minutes from the March 12, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved with corrections.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Financial Report - As of January 31, 2012, \$300.00 for Secretarial Fees, \$500.00 for Trees and Shrubs, \$1 for Travel, \$25.00 for postage, \$25.00 for Duplication, \$25.00 for Office Supplies and \$25.00 for Printing and Binding.
- Two New Alternates have joined the Milford Tree Commission. They are Melissa Smith and Seny Ricardi. The Rules and Regulations will be distributed and reviewed at the next meeting.

E. TREE WARDEN REPORT

- No Report at this time.

F. STREET TREE MATTERS

- An update on this Heron/Tree issue: The Tree Warden is not allowing the tree to be cut down under any circumstances. This is regarding the Oak Tree on Kirkside Avenue, corner of Brookdale that is containing several nests and Yellow Crowned Night Heron living in this tree.

G. ARBORETUM

- A sign at the Arboretum that has been missing since the Hurricane was to have been already replaced; however, it has not as yet. Kate Orecchio will call Mr. Sign to inquire as to the status of this sign being replaced.
- The planting of the Homestead Elm that will replace the old Elm at the Chamber Building will take place this Saturday at 1pm. It will be delivered to the area tomorrow and will be partially planted, with the actual official planting to take place Saturday. The Mayor and other dignitaries will be in attendance and will

also be open to the public. It will be planted nearby where the old Elm was originally planted, also in the area of the cannon. The Chamber people were not aware that this tree would be replaced.

- There are two other trees that will be planted on the Green on Saturday; a London Plane (*Platanus x Acerifolia*) in front of the “Waterbury Lock” building which is a memorial tree (10:00am), and a tree for Allan Brandt’s wife Barbara Collins near the Rainbow Gardens restaurant at 11:30am.
- Milford Trees, Inc. had a Clean Up Day on Saturday, March 31st, where debris, gators, pvcs, etc. were cleaned up and removed around the trees and the area on the Green. The new Cherry at the head of the Green was not touched as the Pimento family is continuing to maintain the tree.

H. OPEN GRANTS & GRANT APPLICATIONS

- There are no open grants at this time.

I. TREE NURSERY

- Bryan Mancini took a ride to take a look at the Nursery and discovered that the fence had been damaged – wire on fence need to be repaired. Otherwise, the Nursery itself looks good.

J. STREET TREE REPLACEMENTS

- Wooster Street: needs trees – neighbor would like another Pear tree planted.
- Sycamore Street: (Kraftmiller) would like another tree planted.
- Kate Orecchio will get plans at Park & Rec. to plant trees behind the library.
- Bryan Mancini suggested replacing a Zelkova at Grove Circle Park.

K. EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

- None at this time.

L. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW MATTERS

- 475 New Haven Avenue – (Across from Twin Lights) Michael Anthony’s Tuscan Restaurant –Bryan Mancini, Jim Malaney and Kate Orecchio will make recommendations.

M. ADJOURNMENT

- Kate Orecchio moved to adjourn the meeting, Melissa Smith seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously.
- The April 9, 2012 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held April 9, 2012 are respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Annie Mecca
Recording Secretary