

THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of the April 9, 2018 Meeting

A. ROLL CALL

Commission Members:

Bryan Mancini - Chairman
Kate Orecchio - Vice Chairman
Jim Malaney - Co -Vice Chairman
David Skirkanich
Kelly Miller

Recording Secretary:

Annie Mecca

Absent:

David Skirkanich

B. CALL TO ORDER

Bryan Mancini called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

C. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- Bryan Mancini made a motion to accept the minutes to the meeting on March 12, 2018. Kate Orecchio seconded the motion. The minutes from the March 12, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Financial Report – As of March 31, 2018, the Financial Report is as follows: \$225.00 in Secretarial Fees, \$1,000.00 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.

E. TREE WARDEN REPORT / STREET TREE MATTERS

- Great River Neighborhood – Bryan Mancini met with Chris Donnelly to discuss the America the Beautiful Grant and also to look at the trees that were inoculated for Emerald Ash Borer. There is evidence that the trees on Centennial Drive are Ash trees and all are affected with the disease. Also, trees on Haystack Road and Cornfield Road are also affected. At some point all of these will have to come down and be replaced.

F. ARBORETUM

- Dredging Project Update– Dredging is now complete. The Contractor will now begin the restoration work during the month of May. There will be no planting until the restoration is complete. The replacement trees will be funded by the Project.
- Memorial Trees to be Planted – Sunday, April 22, 2018 (Earth Day) at 9:00am tree planting will begin at the Green. We will be planting three trees. The first tree is in front of Cody-White for Sheila Woodlock. The second tree will be planted up at the Point – a hybrid Dogwood for Mike Wilcox's mom and the third tree is a replacement Magnolia at the Bridge for Carmella Deluca.

- Plaques – There are a few more memorial plaques to be installed in the coming months. Bryan Mancini will also be replacing several Arboretum Signs on the Green that are missing.

G. TREE NURSERY

- Bryan Mancini and Kate Orecchio met with Chris Donnelly, the Urban Forest Coordinator from Connecticut DEEP to review the Nursery. They checked on the injected Elm trees, the 12 trees planted at Benneville Park, and the Nursery's fabric pins.

H. STREET TREE REPLACEMENTS/TREE REQUESTS

- Mayor's Initiative – Steve Johnson indicated that the Mayor is ready to begin the Planting initiative very soon. Bryan Mancini will inquire of Steve as to what the involvement the Milford Tree Commission will have in this project.
- Our Budget Money - Tree Areas to be planted – Bryan Mancini will plant a Pear tree at Robert Treat Parkway. At Anderson Avenue Park a Zelkova will be planted to replace a tree there, along with another 2 additional trees. In front of City Hall a Ginkgo will be planted in place of the missing tree Also, on Old Gate Lane in the triangle plot needs a tree replaced. Bryan Mancini will inquire of Steve Johnson as to whether the plot belongs to the City or the State. If not State-owned, we can replace a tree there.

I. OPEN GRANTS & GRANT APPLICATIONS

- America the Beautiful Grant – Bryan Mancini met with Chris Donnelly on Wednesday, March 14, 2018. The Grant is now completed and we are now waiting for the reimbursement check.

J. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW MATTERS

- None at this time.

K. ADJOURNMENT

- Jim Malaney made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kelly Miller seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously. The April 9, 2018 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held April 9, 2018 are respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Annie Mecca, Recording Secretary