

## **THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION**

### ***Minutes of the June 08, 2009 Meeting***

#### **A. ROLL CALL**

Commission Members Present:

Kate Orecchio, Vice Chairman

James Malaney

Mary Ludwig

George Noyes

Alternates:

Bryan Mancini, Dave Skirkanich

Recording Secretary:

Annie Mecca

Absent:

Irwin Langewisch, Chairman

#### **B. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairman Kate Orecchio called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

#### **C. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

Dave Skirkanich made a motion to accept the minutes to the meeting of May 11, 2009. Jim Malaney seconded the motion. The minutes from the May 11, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.

#### **D. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

- Possibility of chairmanship change was discussed.
- Coming Year's budget & meeting – Budget for secretarial; want at least 1 tree out of budget – plan on adjusting next year's budget. 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month.
- Inquiry to purchase mulch pads.
- Need Urban Forest Management Plan to become a "Tree City." – Mary Ludwig will look into this.
- GUEST THIS EVENING – arrived at 7:30 – Michelle Matteo, forester and arborist from the West Haven, CT Tree Commission.

#### **E. TREE WARDEN REPORT**

- Richard Tomasco, Tree Warden, was not present. There was no report. We need to request the report. Kate Orecchio will inquire how to get copy of Tree Warden Report from Clerk's office (check language of the ordinance as to how to request the report).
- Tree trimming - ongoing. Bryan Mancini indicated that Irwin Langewisch trimmed Woodruff and Burnet Plains – Shadyside – a crabapple tree was cut down – damaged by a pickup truck? Jim Malaney will get address to investigate what happened.

#### **F. ARBORETUM**

- 1 Dawn Redwood – Jefferson Park, 1 Weeping Beech – upper duck pond, Fern Leaf Beech also on upper duck pond, Sugar maple – on Green with Scouts, Gingko on Green in front of Hurwitz.

#### **G. OPEN GRANTS & GRANT APPLICATIONS**

- Glenn Dreyer Update - Mary Ludwig suggested that there is a need to pick the best trees for tags – need another walk – Mary will call Steve Wing.
- Phase 1 of the Greening of the Post Road – Kate Orecchio said a lot of planting was done to date – Trees are going in by Planet Fitness sometime this week.
- Jim Malaney located the Tulip Tree – it is still on hold at the East Haven Nursery.
- Greening of the Post Road Phase 3 – Kate Orecchio updated – still waiting for permissions – need a purchase order through Mayor's office for funds
- 6 Trees added between Beards and the skate park – 4 trees on North side, 1 on South side – 1 Beech Tree on City property.

#### **H. TREE INVENTORY / MANAGEMENT PLAN**

- Tree Inventory needs to be updated. The Tree management Plan are re-stated here from the January Meeting as follows:
- Overall objectives – Mary Ludwig
- Tree Inventory – Mary Ludwig
- Future Planting Plan – Bryan Mancini
- Specifications for Planting – Jim Malaney
- Street Tree Maintenance Plan – Irwin Langewisch
- Arboretum Maintenance Plan – Irwin Langewisch
- Nursery Operation Plan - Irwin Langewisch
- Citizen Pruners – Kate Orecchio

#### **I. STORM DAMAGE ASSESMENT**

- Mary Ludwig has maps – need to schedule a meeting – to discuss at next meeting

#### **J. TREE NURSERY**

- Bryan Mancini will take a look to see what is there now – as well as 2 American Beech, 2 Zelkovas; replace 2 Sycamores.

#### **K. STREET TREE REPLACEMENTS**

- Kate Orecchio is working with Westfield Mall rep Tim Carlson regarding the dead pine trees from the salt spray over the winter. Suggest making recommendation to Westfield Mall to replace those trees at their expense – trees to be salt tolerant. – Kate will update on this.

#### **L. GREENING OF THE POST ROAD**

- See grants section

**M. EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES**

- Need to check with Irwin if the check for Claire Rutledge from the CT Agricultural Experiment Station received the stipend of \$50.00 for her January 31, 2009 services.
- Mary Ludwig to inquire if Plant Science Day fee could be a late payment.

**N. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW MATTERS**

- Old Dakota restaurant - will be a future Chase Bank – review and report will be done within 10 days.

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

- Kate Orecchio moved to adjourn the meeting, Jim Malaney seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously.
- The June 8, 2009 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held June 8, 2009 are respectfully submitted,

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Annie Mecca  
Recording Secretary