

THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of the July 12, 2010 Meeting

A. ROLL CALL

Commission Members Present:

Bryan Mancini - Chairman
Kate Orecchio, Vice Chairman
Jim Malaney

Alternates:

Recording Secretary:

Annie Mecca

Absent:

Mary Ludwig, George Noyes,
Dave Skirkanich

B. CALL TO ORDER

Bryan Mancini called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

C. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Kate Orecchio made a motion to accept the minutes to the meeting of June 14, 2010. Jim Malaney seconded the motion. The minutes from the June 14, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Financial Report –Bryan Mancini provided a copy of the Financial Report for the new Fiscal Year.
\$600 for Secretarial Fees, \$500.00 for Trees and Shrubs, \$1 for Travel, \$25.00 for postage, \$50 for Duplication, \$25.00 for Office Supplies and \$25 for Printing and Binding.

E. TREE WARDEN REPORT

- None at this time.

F. STREET TREE MATTERS

- A tree at the Chamber had dead wood pruned last year – Milford Trees spent \$2500. Tree was in bad shape – was also tested and reported to have a fungus - Kate Orecchio will inquire of the Tree Warden as to status.
- On Fairfield Avenue a City Norway Maple – the tree's top is dropping branches.
- At the intersection of West Town and West Main Streets has a damaged tree.

G. ARBORETUM

- Grand Opening on Saturday, July 25. Starts at City Hall at 10am – formal opening and tours. Kate Orecchio will put up a tent on the Green to get people interested in dedicating trees. Steve Kraffmiller has the “maps” for dedications and memorials – signs will go up by the Recreation Dept. so the public can see what trees have been commemorated.

H. OPEN GRANTS & GRANT APPLICATIONS

- 04-05 CDBG–Bryan Mancini will inquire of Tom Ivers by email if more Brochures might be needed to be printed. Otherwise the Brochures, Signs and Tags are all set.
- 08-09 USFS - Greening of the Post Road Phase 3
Phase Three is complete. This past Thursday Chris Donnelly of the DEP and Jim Barn of CT DOT went on a walkthrough with Kate Orecchio, and they were very pleased with the outcome of the project. 1st Phase is still open, bank, future trees - \$17K is left from Westfield to buy and plant trees.

I. TREE INVENTORY / MANAGEMENT PLAN

- Tabled.

J. STORM DAMAGE ASSESMENT

- Tabled.

K. TREE NURSERY

- Bryan Mancini indicated that he got the watering truck for watering, and the Nursery needs weeding.
- Bryan Mancini will start compiling a list of replacement trees- there is still Uno's to plant, Dogwood for West Shore Drive, a Linden for High St. and a Red Maple for Beach Avenue, for starters.

L. EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

- None at this time.

M. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW MATTERS

- Popeye's (next to D'Angelo's) – Landscaping looks fine.
- Subway – 300 & 336 Bic Drive Landscaping also looks fine.
- CVS 734 Bridgeport Avenue – Kate Orecchio and Bryan Mancini found 4 Honey Locusts within 20ft., 2 London Plain trees need to be moved; Green Pillar Oaks are 20 ft. apart, should be one tree for every 40 Ft. – need to be moved Northwest they are too close to each other. Findings: trees are not specified on these plans – recommend trees are to be checked for spacing.
- White Oaks Terrace – Bryan Mancini recused himself from the discussion – Kate Orecchio and Jim Malaney looked over the plans and Kate Orecchio will compose the letter.

O. ADJOURNMENT

- Jim Malaney moved to adjourn the meeting, Kate Orecchio seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously.
- The July 12, 2010 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 8:07p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held July 12, 2010 are respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Annie Mecca
Recording Secretary