

THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of the July 13, 2009 Meeting

A. ROLL CALL

Commission Members Present:

Bryan Mancini - Chairman
Kate Orecchio, Vice Chairman
James Malaney
Mary Ludwig

Alternates:

(Dave Skirkanich, George Noyes)

Recording Secretary:

Annie Mecca

Absent:

Dave Skirkanich, George Noyes

B. CALL TO ORDER

Irwin Langewisch called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.

C. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Mary Ludwig made a motion to accept the minutes to the meeting of June 8, 2009. Kate Orecchio seconded the motion. The minutes from the June 8, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Irwin Langewisch indicated this evening through a letter dated July 13, 2009 which he personally delivered, that he is stepping down as Chairman of the Milford Tree Commission. Irwin nominated Bryan Mancini as Chairman. Mary Ludwig seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously carried. Bryan accepted the new position and took over the running of the meeting.
- The approval of the switch in terms of George Noyes and Bryan Mancini came through from the Board of Alderman on July 6, 2009.
- Bryan Mancini will inquire on a Purchase Order for Planter's Choice through the City of Milford.
- The following dates are proposed for the Milford Tree Commission meetings as follows: 8/10, 9/11, 10/12*, 11/9, 12/14 (Bryan will check on the availability of the Conference Room A for a Tuesday, 10/13 meeting due to the Columbus Day Holiday) 1/11/10, 2/8/10, 3/8/10, 4/12/10, 5/10/10 and 6/14/10.
- Kate Orecchio received a letter from Steve Kraftmiller concerned with rear buffer of the Saab dealership (Behind his house) – trees have been missing for several years. Kate investigated – Kate will contact Steve and discuss what to do. Suggestion is to put trees in the front buffer on the Saab dealership side.

E. TREE WARDEN REPORT

- Richard Tomasco, Tree Warden, was not present. There was no report.

F. ARBORETUM

- One Pink Dogwood and one White Dogwood will be removed
- One Fringe Tree planted by the waterfall by City Hall, one Japanese Stewartia is planted across the pond by the bench, and one Forest Pansy Red Bud was planted next to the 9/11 Memorial.

Mary Ludwig and Irwin Langewisch left the meeting early.

G. OPEN GRANTS & GRANT APPLICATIONS

- Glenn Dreyer Update – Bryan Mancini will call Steve Wing for status update, i.e., plaques, etc.
- Phase 1 of the Greening of the Post Road – Kate Orecchio indicated - still waiting on permissions.
- Tulip Tree – it is still on hold at the East Haven Nursery. Jim Malaney will collect it – Bryan will get a check cut for his reimbursement.
- Greening of the Post Road Phase 3 – Kate Orecchio updated – in progress.

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:
- Future Planting Plan – Bryan Mancini – Bryan has put together a summary
- Specifications for Planting – Jim Malaney – Jim has Planting Specs
- Overall objectives – Mary Ludwig
- Tree Inventory – Mary Ludwig
- Street Tree Maintenance Plan – Bryan Mancini
- Arboretum Maintenance Plan – Bryan Mancini
- Nursery Operation Plan -
- Citizen Pruners – Kate Orecchio

I. STORM DAMAGE ASSESMENT

- Tabled.

J. TREE NURSERY

- Irwin got an electronic timer until the Drip System is set up. Watering will be done again this weekend. Pots for Beeches, Oaks and Dogwoods.
- Weeding party took place on July 11. At least half of the nursery has been weeded and will be repeated this coming Saturday.

K. STREET TREE REPLACEMENTS

- None at this time.

L. EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

- None at this time.

M. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW MATTERS

- 12 Higgins Drive – Bark Avenue Pet House revisited – Kate will edit letter.
- 90 Heenan Drive – The tree Commission makes the following recommendations – existing trees should be indicated on the site map according to Planning and Zoning Regulations. Trees should be listed as 3-inch minimum and at least 7ft. branch height. Kate will edit the letter.
- 1651 Boston Post Road – (Old Dakota Rest.) New Chase Bank building – the Milford tree Commission makes the following recommendation – a tree should be planted in the lawn area near the drive thru entrance; consideration for more varieties in choice of trees in addition to the London Plains and Pin Oaks; Possibility of keeping the two Blue Spruce trees. Kate will ask Dave how to proceed with receiving a possible donation of the two variegated Dogwoods.

N. ADJOURNMENT

- Jim Malaney moved to adjourn the meeting, Kate Orecchio seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously.
- The July 13, 2009 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held July 13, 2009 are respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Annie Mecca
Recording Secretary