

THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of the August 10, 2009 Meeting

A. ROLL CALL

Commission Members Present:

Bryan Mancini - Chairman
Kate Orecchio, Vice Chairman
James Malaney

Alternates:

(Dave Skirkanich, George Noyes)

Recording Secretary:

Annie Mecca

Absent: Irwin Langewisch, Dave
Skirkanich, George Noyes, Mary Ludwig

B. CALL TO ORDER

Bryan Mancini called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

C. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Jim Malaney made a motion to accept the minutes to the meeting of July 13, 2009. Kate Orecchio seconded the motion. The minutes from the July 13, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Financial Report – Not Available – Bryan will inquire
- Kate Orecchio will be following up with Steve Kraftmiller regarding trees behind his property.

E. TREE WARDEN REPORT

- There was no report available. Bryan Mancini will request in writing the report from the Tree Warden.

F. STREET TREE MATTERS

- Street trees were damaged in the storm on July 31st. The following streets were affected: Burnt Plains, Candlewood, Woodruff and Ardmore – at least 7 trees (3 Norways, 2 Crab Apples and 2 Silver Maples were damaged).
- The State Champion English Elm – suspected fungal disease – Kate Orecchio will communicate with Irwin Langewisch and send a sample to the Experimental Station in New Haven for analysis.
- One of the Liberty Elms near the gas station on the Green had to be cut down due to Dutch Elm Disease.
- Tree near Anderson Avenue Park – After a heated argument between the homeowner and a member of the Tree Commission stating that the homeowner objected to having trees planted around his home, the Norway tree was found mysteriously to be dead.

- Opal Street – A homeowner asked for a city tree to be removed, and P&Z denied the request. Subsequently, the homeowner hired two tree services – Amity Tree Service and Bob’s Tree Removal – to cut down the tree. As a result, the homeowner and both tree services will be fined for the value of the tree. Bryan Mancini will email Irwin Langewisch to learn the status.
- Resident Requests – Opal Street – a homeowner wants a new tree, does not want the Zelcova. Bryan will suggest an alternative. Bryan Mancini will also email Kelly at Public Works to request a list of trees that residents have requested.

G. ARBORETUM

- There was no report.

H. OPEN GRANTS & GRANT APPLICATIONS

- Glenn Dreyer Update – In-Town Arboretum – Mary Ludwig, Irwin Langewisch and Bryan Mancini met with Steve Wing regarding the tree tags. Steve Wing supplied a list of all the trees. Kate Orecchio, Steve Wing and Alan Brandt met today – Allan Brandt indicated there needs to be a report and progress plan for the In-Town Arboretum. Bryan Mancini suggested to list how many and what kinds of trees need to be tagged. Bryan Mancini said he would compile a list of trees, then put together the order for the tree tags, then email Renee and inquire of the cost of the tags.
- Phase 1 of the Greening of the Post Road – Kate Orecchio indicated she has received written and verbal permissions.
- Greening of the Post Road Phase 3 – Kate Orecchio updated – from Mill Pond Farm to Old Point (Cumberland Farms, including Friendly’s) – in progress. Kate Orecchio indicated she will go out there again.

I. TREE INVENTORY / MANAGEMENT PLAN

- Tabled until November Meeting.

J. STORM DAMAGE ASSESMENT

- Tabled until the September Meeting – awaiting report from Mary Ludwig

K. TREE NURSERY

- Weeding work was done on July 18 and 19th.

L. STREET TREE REPLACEMENTS

- See Resident Requests above.

M. EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

- None at this time.

N. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW MATTERS

- Page Street – was reviewed and approved.
- Naugatuck & Manila Streets – Bryan Mancini will write the letter stating that the plans have been reviewed and approved.
- Harborside School Drop-Off Loop – Progress was made regarding the plans for the drop-off loop configuration, not before digging had taken place and as a result the Cucumber Magnolia tree had suffered damage. Kate Orecchio spoke to a member of the Board of Alderman to have a resolution written whereby all city departments must review all planting or removing trees before it takes place. In addition, that within the resolution this situation would be prohibited from happening again in the future. Bryan Mancini and Kate Orecchio will work on the letter to request this.

O. ADJOURNMENT

- Jim Malaney moved to adjourn the meeting, Kate Orecchio seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously.
- The August 10, 2009 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held August 10, 2009 are respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Annie Mecca
Recording Secretary