

THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of the November 8, 2010 Meeting

A. ROLL CALL

Commission Members Present:

Bryan Mancini - Chairman
Kate Orecchio, Vice Chairman
Mary Ludwig
Jim Malaney
Dave Skirkanich

Alternates:

George Noyes

Recording Secretary:

Annie Mecca

Absent:

George Noyes, Mary Ludwig, Jim Malaney

B. CALL TO ORDER

Bryan Mancini called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

C. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Kate Orecchio made a motion to accept the minutes to the meeting of September 13, 2010. Dave Skirkanich seconded the motion. The minutes from the September 13, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved with corrections.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Financial Report –\$375.00 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.
- The proposed 2011-2012 Budget for the Tree Commission is as follows: –\$600.00 for Secretarial Fees, \$750.00 for Trees and Shrubs, \$0 for Travel, \$0 for postage, \$25 for Duplication, \$25.00 for Office Supplies and \$25 for Printing and Binding.
- Bryan Mancini heard back from a police officer from the Police Commission regarding the letter he wrote to the commission requesting that a directional arrow be installed for the Robert Treat Parkway; the Police will conduct a traffic study to see what can be done.

E. TREE WARDEN REPORT

- Irwin emailed Bryan Mancini regarding Twin Oaks Terrace. Trees were cut down and now there is room for approximately 10 trees to be planted.

F. STREET TREE MATTERS

- Kate Orecchio suggested that a Planting Plan be put in place for the main streets in town, i.e., Cherry St., Bridgeport Ave., Meadowside Ave., car dealerships, etc. Bryan Mancini indicated that Planning & Zoning have a related project. Kate and Bryan will investigate.

G. ARBORETUM

- Regarding the Mary Taylor Library (Chamber of Commerce Building), The Mayor indicated to Bryan Mancini that he would support the decision for a suitable replacement for the Elm there if the Tree Warden and the Tree Commission agree.
- Pruning in front of City Hall (triangle in front and bus stop) was overdone; it was necessary to prune, although the job done was “horrific,” especially the Cherries in front of City Hall – they were all but destroyed. Steve Wing had asked the arborist, John Westerman, to write a letter regarding the pruning job, but Bryan Mancini has not received a response as yet. During the Winter, Bryan Mancini indicated that he will try to work with the Mayor and Legal to set an oversight for Arboretum care; the Arboretum, while it is public, is a specific designated area and should be handled differently from routine Public Works maintenance.
- Historic District Commission Letter – Bryan Mancini did not receive a response back from the Historic Committee regarding the signs, so by the order of the CT State Statutes, the signs are automatically approved.
- The Tree Commission received an award for Best Municipal Project in honor of the Arboretum.
- On Tuesday, November 16, 2010, there will be a planting, donated by the CT State Tree Warden’s Association in the Arboretum. It is a Dawn Redwood.

H. OPEN GRANTS & GRANT APPLICATIONS

- 04-05 CDBG– in-town Arboretum – This grant is now closed out. Kate Orecchio will check with Tom Ivers. Steve Wing is still working on the last set of maps. Steve Kraftmiller and Kate Orecchio will finish proofreading the maps. Milford Trees, Inc. will allocate the funds for this project.

I. TREE INVENTORY / MANAGEMENT PLAN

- Tabled.

J. STORM DAMAGE ASSESMENT

- Tabled.

K. TREE NURSERY

- The Nursery is in very good shape. There has been a delivery of materials to start building a ring road there for easier access at the Nursery.
- More mulching work needs to be done.

L. STREET TREE REPLACEMENTS

- Planted: 1 October Glory Red Maple at 37 Tumblebrook Road, 1 Red Sunset Maple at 25 Tumblebrook Road, 1 Chinkapin Oak at 80 Depot Road, 1 Red Maple at The Alternative Ed Building, 1 Kousa on Meadowside Road, and 2 Stellar Pink Dogwoods at 24 Westshore Drive.

M. EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

- None at this time.

N. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW MATTERS

- Schick, 183 Gulf Street (Animal Clinic), Excello Tool on Warfield Ave. These were reviewed by Kate Orecchio and Bryan Mancini; reports were written in October by Bryan Mancini.

O. ADJOURNMENT

- Dave Skirkanich moved to adjourn the meeting, Kate Orecchio seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously.
- The November 8, 2010 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 8:41p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held November 8, 2010 are respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Annie Mecca
Recording Secretary