

THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of the November 9, 2009 Meeting

A. ROLL CALL

Commission Members Present:

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

Alternates:

(Dave Skirkanich, George Noyes)

Recording Secretary:

Annie Mecca

Absent:

Irwin Langewisch, Dave Skirkanich,
George Noyes

B. CALL TO ORDER

Bryan Mancini called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

C. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Kate Orecchio made a motion to accept the minutes to the meeting of October 13, 2009. Mary Ludwig seconded the motion. The minutes from the October 13, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Financial Report –Bryan provided a copy of the Financial Report.
- Through September: \$375.00 left for Secretarial Fees, \$500.00 for Trees, \$1.00 for Travel, \$50.00 for postage, \$50.00 for Duplication, \$50.00 for Office Supplies and \$25.00 for Printing and Binding.
- Budget was due today, and Bryan Mancini submitted the Budget today. Bryan requested: \$900.00 for Secretarial Fees, \$625.00 for Trees, \$1.00 for Travel, \$50.00 for Postage, \$25.00 for Duplication, \$25.00 for Office Supplies and \$25.00 for Printing and Binding.
- Kate Orecchio was awarded the CT Urban Forest Council Award for her volunteerism.
- Mary Ludwig was awarded the H. Sharon Ossenbruggen Meritorious Service Award. We are very proud of both of them.

E. TREE WARDEN REPORT

- Wendy Valleau of Bonsilene Street in Milford would like a tree in the front lawn, possibly a Red Maple. She can meet Mary Ludwig at Shadyside Nursery after 2:00pm most days to view choices. Mary and Wendy will set up a time for a meeting this week, and Mary will call her back by Wednesday, November 11th.
- Mary Ludwig made the suggestion that a pamphlet be produced for the Free Tree Program and how it functions, from the Milford trees, Inc. and the Milford Tree Commission including: Choosing a tree (suggested donation \$50.00 – to Milford trees, Inc.) Tree pickup/ transport to residence, planting procedures – who plants, who provides mulch and M-Roots, treegators, etc.; Insurance (City)? Who also, is

responsible for tree maintenance – including watering, pruning, spraying; Understanding about not cutting tree down and pollarding the tree. Also discussed was the City Right-of-Way: 10 feet from the curb. The suggested donation helps with planting costs and the restocking of the nursery. Mary Ludwig will revise and add verbiage

F. STREET TREE MATTERS

- Bryan Mancini will attempt to plant a Red Maple by Planet Fitness on the Post Road Sunday.

G. ARBORETUM

- Nothing was planted.

OPEN GRANTS & GRANT APPLICATIONS

- 04-05 CDBG–Brochures, Signs and Tags: Bryan Mancini will ask Steve Wing as to the status of their delivery.
- Allan Brandt is working on the Brochure – Signs – waiting on proofreading.
- 08-09 USFS - Greening of the Post Road Phase 3
- 19 Trees have owner's signatures to plat, 31 Trees are pending signatures, and there were 4 No's: Post Road News, Athenia Diner, Mama Teresa's and M&M Farms.
- Kate Orecchio is to email Bryan Mancini the types of trees to plant and Bryan will inquire of Planter's Choice for suggestions.
- Bryan Mancini planted 2 Zelkovas at Planet Fitness and one in front of the Skateboard Park, both, on the Post Road.

I. TREE INVENTORY / MANAGEMENT PLAN

- Tabled until winter months.

J. STORM DAMAGE ASSESMENT

- Mary Ludwig still to speak with John Hangen of M.I.S.

K. TREE NURSERY

- 23 new trees were donated by Mike Wilcock; they were put in large pots, mulched and tagged. Weeding was also done.

L. STREET TREE REPLACEMENTS

- Monroe Street – this tree is pending – should be planted in the spring.
- Red Maple was replaced at Meadowside.
- 2 Coral Bark trees and one Cherokee Chief Dogwood tree were planted in front of Mary Taylor Church.

M. EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

- Mary created a Milford Trees Inc., Tree Commission, Public Works, Parks, Beach and Recreation display for the CT Urban Forest Council's conference in the exhibitors' section. The two projects that were highlighted were the 12 trees planted at Anderson Avenue Park and 12 trees planted on Arbor Day at Meadowside Elementary School. The USDA Forest Service requested the photos to use in their presentations.

N. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW MATTERS

- Future Chase Bank – 1651 Boston Post Road (former Dakota Restaurant). Bryan Mancini emailed Phyllis of Planning & Zoning as to the status of the trees on that property; Phyllis emailed David Sulkis, the City Planner and got no response. Bryan Mancini then emailed David Sulkis himself and got no response; Bryan is calling David Sulkis and will ask him directly in regard to the status of the trees on the property.

O. ADJOURNMENT

- Mary Ludwig moved to adjourn the meeting, Jim Malaney seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously.
- The November 9, 2009 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held November 9, 2009 are respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Annie Mecca
Recording Secretary