

THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of the November 12, 2019 Meeting

A. ROLL CALL

Commission Members:

Bryan Mancini - Chairman
Kate Orecchio - Vice Chairman
Jim Malaney - Co -Vice Chairman
David Skirkanich
Kelly Miller
Nancy Iddings

Recording Secretary:

Annie Mecca

B. CALL TO ORDER

Bryan Mancini called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

C. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- David Skirkanich made a motion to accept the minutes to the meeting on September 9, 2019. Kelly Miller seconded the motion. The minutes from the September 9, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved with corrections.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Financial Update – As of October 31, 2019, the Financial Report is as follows: \$450.00 in Secretarial Fees, \$1,000.00 for Trees and Shrubs, \$1 for Travel, \$5.00 for postage, \$5.00 for Duplication, \$5.00 for Office Supplies and \$5.00 for Printing and Binding.
- Milford Tree Commission Meeting Dates for 2020 – January 13, February 10, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 13, November 9, December 14 (All meetings are to be held in Conference Room C, except October and November).

E. TREE WARDEN REPORT / STREET TREE MATTERS

- Development of a Street Tree Planting List – This will be tabled until after the New Year.
- Tree Hearing Review – October 29, 2019 – The meeting was very productive – there was a lot of positive ideas flowing, 25-30 people attended, along with Steve Johnson and Chris Saley. The two main topics were 7 trees on Lansdale Avenue and 1 tree removal from the center of Green & Center Street. Only one tree will be removed from Lansdale. The City is getting easements to loop the sidewalk around the other trees into private property. The tree on Green Street is pending further review from Public Works and the Sewer Department.

F. ARBORETUM

- White Oak for Connecticut Sustainable Initiative – Bryan Mancini has the White Oak and a plaque for it. Bryan Mancini indicated the tree will be planted on the Green near the West End by Lafayette Street soon.
- Plaques – The Memorial Plaques are with Bryan Mancini and will be coordinating with Milford Trees, Inc. in the next couple of weeks to install them.

G. TREE NURSERY

- Nothing at this time.

H. REVIEW OF TREE POLICIES

- Ordinance review and updates – A sub-committee meeting was held October 15, 2019 at 6:30 pm with several members of the Milford Tree Commission. These members came up with a few changes. This revised document needs to be re-edited and then voted on. After that, the new document will be presented to the Ordinance Committee for final review and vote.

I. STREET TREE REPLACEMENTS/TREE REQUESTS

- Mayor's Initiative – Steve Johnson and Chris Saley indicated that the money for this project is still available. The project should begin sometime next spring.

J. OPEN GRANTS & GRANT APPLICATIONS

- None at this time.

K. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW MATTERS

- 528 Wheelers Farms Road – Boys & Girls Village – Proposal of an educational building. The plans indicate assorted shrubs, i.e., Arborvitae –and which varieties – Bryan Mancini will look at the area and will write the recommendation letter.
- 188 Cherry Street – Mixed Use building, including offices and 18 apartments - These plans meet the standard requirements. Bryan Mancini will write the recommendation letter.

L. Open Public Forum

- Cheryl Cappiali, of 34 Grinnell Street, Milford was in attendance and asked about obtaining a copy of the Tree List. Nancy Iddings indicated that he could find an older copy a the Tree List on the Commission's website, until the new list is updated and uploaded.

M. ADJOURNMENT

- Kelly Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jim Malaney seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously. The November 12, 2019 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held November 12, 2019 are respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Annie Mecca, Recording Secretary