

Haworth Shade Tree Commission  
Meeting held on October 6, 2015 in the  
Municipal Center

Present:

Joe Allegro, Chairman

Peter Brach

Fran Goldstein

Doug Kurjian

Glenn Poosikian, Council Representative

The meeting came to order at 7:25 p.m. and the following statement was read: "This is a regular meeting of the Shade Tree Commission of the Borough of Haworth. I am informed by the clerk that adequate public notice has been provided by posting a notice on the bulletin board in the Municipal Center, and by mailing notice to all persons who requested same and prepaid the cost fixed by the Council."

Budget: \$10,000

#### OLD BUSINESS

Early November would be an ideal time for a tree-course offered by Joe Comery.

Joe Allegro will invite Pam Zipsy to our November meeting to update us on our Five-Year Plan.

Is an Arbor Day ceremony forthcoming?

#### NEW BUSINESS

An owner and a contractor (and/or architect) must sign separate prepared letters stipulating their promise to replace a Borough tree or trees that the HSTC has permitted to be removed to accommodate construction. The owner and the builder should be reminded, with follow-up letters, to abide by and follow through with their promise to replace the tree with one of the same variety and approved by the HSTC.

To address and avoid foreseeable damage to Borough trees by an owner and a prospective builder at a given construction site, a prepared letter should be signed by both the owner and the prospective builder acknowledging responsibility of any nearby Borough tree or trees and

promising conciliatory replacement in kind of any damaged or dying nearby Borough tree, for a safeguard-period of three years from the time of completion of construction.

Haworth building and tree codes and ordinances providing protection of Borough trees are to be made known to both the owner of a proposed construction site and the builder of that site before construction begins, so that both the owner and the builder are thoroughly apprised and have strict foreknowledge of their responsibility to maintain the safety and security of Borough trees as valuable Borough property.

Violations of Borough-tree codes and ordinances will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law in the following manner:

The official charged with code-enforcement will sign the complaints against the violating home owner and the violating builder.

Summons will be issued to the owner of the property and the builder.

The property owner and the builder will appear in municipal court.

A clearing-house person needs to be appointed for the Winter Tree Program, which should be put into place by November 15 for bidding and February-March removal. The three necessary categories are: cutting, pruning and stump removal.

Current fines for removing a Borough tree without permission by the HSTC are as follows:

First-time offense: \$1,000-\$1,500

Second-time offense: \$1,000-\$2,000

Should a tree and its stump be removed simultaneously?

What is left in the budget is allocated to the Five-Year Plan.

With regard to the construction of a house on Jefferson Avenue, should the sidewalk be moved to accommodate the roots of a Borough tree?

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, at 7: 25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug Kurjian