

Haworth Shade Tree Commission
Meeting held on November 3, 2015 in
the Municipal Center

Present:

Joe Allegro, Chairman
Peter Brach
Jack Erhard
Fran Goldstein
Doug Kurjian

Guests: Pam Zipse (HometownForests.com) and Mike D'Errico (associate of Ms. Zipse)

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."

BUSINESS

The Borough of Haworth Community Forestry Management Plan 2015-2019 (also known as The Haworth Five-Year Management Plan) was the topic under discussion. This is our third 5-year plan.

We need to clarify our mission statement.

We need manpower to inventory the specific types of our 2,552 Borough shade trees, 1,340 of which are maple species, 457 are oak species, and 67 are ash species.

For the grant offered by the Community Stewardship Incentive Program (CSIP), we are to apply in January. The due-date is late February.

Sustainable Jersey (housed in Trenton State College) issues grants of \$7,500-\$10,000. We may register on the Sustainable Jersey website (www.sustainablejersey.com) and identify the percentage of tree-cover in

Haworth, etc. The Sustainable Jersey proposal should be included with the grant application.

One way to generate community outreach, good will and support for trees and the HSTC is to organize a “Friends of the Haworth Shade Tree Commission.” We can begin by posting a Plant-A-Tree application-donation form on our Borough website and by sponsoring an annual “Haworth Shade Tree Barbecue at the Tree Farm.”

The Farm offers trees for sale to other communities. There are no plans at this time to increase the size of the Farm.

We need a plan to counter the destructive Emerald Ash Borer, which beetle is an ever-present menace to the environment. Ten years ago, the HSTC posted pictures of the pest on the bulletin board of the Municipal Building. The public, again, needs to be alerted. Extensive treatment against the ravages of the borer is prohibitively expensive at \$10-\$15 dollars per inch, and so location and provenance of a given tree inevitably figure into such a plan.

At construction sites, shade trees are the preferable replacement trees.

The DPW is the contact between the HSTC and a given power company that is charged with pruning or removing Borough trees.

A scheduled maintenance program should be one of our goals. Tree-pruning is one of our long-term objectives. Mature trees and high-traffic areas need scheduled maintenance and programmed pruning. One zone (of our six Borough zones) is pruned each year. We should budget accordingly. The certified tree arborist who conducted our most recent pruning program should be considered for our next pruning.

We discussed the prospect of sharing services (such as the bucket truck) with nearby towns (such as Dumont).

We must hold an Arbor Day celebration at the school or at the library. As Arbor Day is non-dated, such a celebration may be held at any time of the year.

The Tree City signs are part of the proclamation of the Tree City National Arbor Day Foundation. To get the updated Tree City stickers, the application, signed by the Mayor, is to be sent to the National Arbor Day Foundation. (An electronic version may be sent.)

Inventory software is available to estimate tree species to air quality to energy savings.

We have discussed the care and maintenance of young trees with Bill Comery, who will conduct an arboreal course at our December meeting.

For the Winter Tree Program, send requests to Margaret. Suggestions need not be in your area.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Kurjian