

Haworth Shade Tree Commission  
Meeting held on June 2, 2015 in the  
Municipal Center

Present:

Joe Allegro, Chairman  
Peter Brach  
Ben Goldstein  
Fran Goldstein  
Doug Kurjian

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."

Guests:

Mayor John Smart  
Pam Zipse, Certified Tree Expert, who is preparing Haworth's Five-Year Management Plan  
Mike Derrico, Certified Tree Expert

Borough tree-issues discussed:

We have been a Tree City for thirteen years.

Our budgetary expenses include: aggressive tree maintenance, such as planting and pruning trees; stump removal; emergency trees; the Winter Tree Program; the Five-Year Management Plan; purchasing of whips (sprigs, usually several feet tall) for the Tree Farm.

Should we have a Borough-wide plan to prune trees?

Should we formalize the process of finding trees in need of attention?

Pruning of young trees adds twenty years to the lifespan of those trees.

We should emphasize the traditional planting of tall trees. (In our inventory, what is our current percentage of large-to-small trees? We should keep that percentage as a norm.)

Homeowners must not plant on their own on Borough easements, especially bushes and small trees.

A majority of Haworth's tree diversity includes native oaks and maples.

Should we again call upon the services of the Boy Scouts and Rutgers for “inventory management”?

Should we have two annual plantings?

Should we include deer protection in our budget?

The emerald ash borer beetle poses an ever-present threat.

#### Promotion

Posters may be used to heighten public awareness of the benefits of trees, and of public responsibility to protect trees on private land.

Should we celebrate Arbor Day in September? We can highlight Arbor Day with posters. Should we have a welcoming Arbor Day barbecue?

We will have an independent HSTC mailing.

Should we recruit for “Friends of the Shade Tree Commission”?

Should we have a recruitment drive on Facebook?

“Open” the Tree Farm for a day, weekend, or “event” and invite towns to the Tree Farm, with prizes and explanations of the trees in the Farm.

Display a large, colorful chart of local trees, or charts made by students of Haworth and other towns. Distribute a checklist of tree-details to look for on one’s own property, drawn up by students.

Conduct a “Yard of the Month” award.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 7, 2015, at 7: 25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug Kurjian

(The July 7, 2015 meeting was rescheduled to August 4, 2015, at 7:25 p.m.)