

HSTC Minutes 2/7/2023 Meeting

1. 7:10 PM Steve J called meeting to order
 - a. In attendance: Steve J., Dina S., Robin S, Mike B.
2. Public duly notified of meeting's occurrence
3. Motion to approve minutes by Steve J; Seconded by Robin S.; all approved

Old Business:

1. 209 Harrison: Violation not issued. Kevin Burnett, Bldg. Inspector, to visit prop and eval. Dina to follow up.
2. WTP List:
 - a. 9 bids, Arrow was lowest. Town to review at next council, 2/14
 - b. Urgent Trees:
 - i. Tulip Trees on Park Street at playground are marked
 - ii. 437 Baldwin
 - iii. Wait for bid to be awarded and then approached awardee
 1. 3 stumps on Madison and Harrison need to be addressed
3. Dina to get details on HSTC budget; Dina to speak with Ron on YTD 2022 expenditures
 - a. At minimum, tree fines should go to HSTC budget
 - b. Planting should be a separate line item – to be done by Green Street Crews
 - c. More was requested for spring planting
 - d. Budget submitted
4. Spring Planting is a goal: Karen G has the list. How many trees and need to add additional locations.

New Business

1. Tree Issues:
 - a. 111 Grant: SJ to review
 - b. 197 Garfield: SJ to review
 - c. 214 Haworth Ave: MB to meet with Homeowner; MB did and took pic. Town does not have bucket truck to remove damaged limb. Contract awardee to be asked to take care of it
 - d. St. Nicholas Street Bridge: Robin and Karen to follow up
2. Tree City USA: Dina submitted Arbor Day Application; this feeds into Forestry Mgt. Plan. Done
3. Community Forestry Report: Dina working on it. Due 2/15. Done
4. Annual Accomplishment report due in Feb 2023. Done, submitted with Forestry Report
5. Furlough Program discussed = Green Street Crews
6. Social Media effort recommended: Robin S. to lead effort
7. Tree Farm: need to determine what can or should be done with space. Dina to discuss with Council
8. 2023 Focus:
 - a. Enhance Borough awareness of what HSTC does
 - i. How inform public?
 1. Link on town web page & newsletter? Robin S to handle and work with Karen G e.g. types of trees
 2. Arbor Day: work with school? Robin to spearhead. Also noted in Dina's report below
 - b. Grants: seek out more opps to fund planting (noted in Dina's report below)

- i. Carbon offsets
 - ii. Must do in conjunction with Borough
 - iii. Dina to send list of Grantors/possible Grant opps with deadlines. Pending
 - 1. Karen G to focus
 - c. Improve relationship with DPW. On hold as new Supervisor pending
 - d. Heritage Tree concept: need definition in Ordinance
 - i. Look at Survey of Borough trees; Dina to send. Done
 - e. Where plant town trees
9. Dina's report:
- a. Provided list of members with term expiration dates
 - b. Listed Grant opps
 - c. Wants more transparency in Budget w/ regard to tree removal
 - i. HSTC asked for budget report quarterly
 - d. Arbor Day Planting: Robin S to handle seedling email
 - e. Margaret Cellotto retiring end of April
 - f. Urban & Community Forestry Report
 - i. Concern w/ statement of tree budget
 - ii. Tree education
 - iii. Annual Accomplishments
 - g. Swim Club:
 - i. Pickle Ball Court:
 - 1. A tree does need to come down due to emergency vehicle access
 - 2. Consider tree re-forestry
10. Mike B: update on Tree Ordinance: draft worked on by joint comm. To be distributed to both HSTC and EC to confirm on right track
- a. We need to determine what is a borough tree

11. 2023 Meeting Calendar: 4/4 meeting moved to 4/3
12. Motion to adjourn
13. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm