

## HSTC Minutes 3/13/2023 Meeting

1. 7:05 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: Dina Siciliano and Steve Jureller met with homeowner, homeowner' attorney and Arrow Tree. Violation issued for \$40,000. Homeowner countered with \$7,000. Town responded with Fine of \$15,893. Decision pending
2. WTP List:
  - a. 9 bids, Arrow was lowest. Arrow awarded bid
  - b. Urgent Trees:
    - i. Tulip Trees on Park Street at playground are marked; need quote
    - ii. 437 Baldwin; need quote
    - iii. Wait for bid to be awarded and then approached awardee
      1. 3 stumps on Madison and Harrison need to be addressed and were
3. Spring Planting is a goal: Karen G has the list. How many trees and need to add additional locations.
  - a. 15 trees, selected 3 varieties
  - b. For future: when list is developed, must note any height issues

### New Business

1. Tim Kolvebeck Troop 73 presented his Eagle Scout Project: Lantern Fly Trap.
2. Tree Issues:

- a. 111 Grant: SJ to review: going on 2024 WTP list for pruning
  - b. 147 Garfield: SJ to review: going on 2024 WTP list for pruning
  - c. 256 Garfield: homeowner wants anthracnose treated on 2 sycamore trees and for town to pay for it. This is not a town issue. This needs to be noted in Tree Ordinance
  - d. 340 Valley Road: Put on urgent removal
  - e. 280 Crocker: Walkway to Swim Club; DPW addressing
  - f. 161 Myrtle: homeowner wants to re-do driveway and wants tree removed. Robin S to evaluate health of tree
3. Social Media effort recommended: Robin S. to lead effort
4. Tree Farm: need to determine what can or should be done with space. Dina to discuss with Council. Needs more discussion
5. 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: Robin met with School
        - a. Consider planting one tree from HSTC approved tree list. School needs to check budget
  - 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. Where plant town trees; HSTC to make notes and submit
6. Dina's report:
- a. Listed Grant opps.
    - i. NJDEP Grant: Dina to focus
  - b. Arbor Day Planting: Robin S to handle seedling email
  - c. Urban & Community Forestry Report
    - i. Concern w/ statement of tree budget
    - ii. Tree education
    - iii. Annual Accomplishments
  - d. Swim Club:
    1. Consider tree re-forestry; grants are available
7. 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
  - b. HSTC members to send their comments to Karen G and Mike B. Will be reviewed at 4/3 meeting
8. 2023 Meeting Calendar: 4/4 meeting moved to 4/3
9. Motion to adjourn
10. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm