

Haworth Shade Tree Commission Meeting held on October 2, 2018 in the Municipal Center

Present:

Joe Allegro, Chairman
Glenn Poosikian, Council Representative
Jack Ferber
Doug Kurjian
Nancy Panzella
Rick Swarthe

The meeting came to order at 7:00 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."

NEW BUSINESS:

Twenty trees will be planted in November. So far, we have a list of twelve tree-sites for planting.

For the Winter Tree Program, please identify Borough trees in need of pruning or removing.

Only shade trees, not pine trees or small trees, are to be planted on Borough easements.

We recommend spray-painting of trees to be taken down.

We should immediately be notified of any imminent house teardown, so that Borough trees at that site are adequately protected.

We have called attention to the office of the Building Inspector to expedite our violations summonses.

Chris Simkins is Acting Superintendent of the DPW.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m. The next meeting will be a Training Session, a requirement for credit units, as mandated by the New Jersey Forestry Service. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., at the Municipal Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Kurjian

Minutes of the Haworth Shade Tree Commission Meeting held on November 6, 2018
in the Municipal Center

Present:

Joe Allegro, Chairman
Jack Erhard
Jack Ferber
Doug Kurjian
James Luethke
Nancy Panzella
Rick Swarthe

Guests:

Liz Stewart—N.J. Forestry Service (Guest lecturer for our credited Training Session)
<lizstewart222@gmail.com> Chris Simkin—Acting Superintendent, Haworth Department of Public Works

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Some of the Subjects Covered Include:

Determining the value of a given tree often depends upon a combination of the age, variety, and category of that tree. For example:

Age of a tree: A 20' maple is worth c. \$20,000.

Variety of a tree—maple, oak, sycamore, etc.

Category of a tree—Memorial, Specimen, Old-Growth.

Therefore, a 50' oak may be worth \$30,000-\$60,000, or more, depending upon variables, such as its strategic location on the property, which would increase its particular value as well as the overall esthetic value of the property.

Oaks are sensitive and do not normally recover well from a serious injury.

Sycamores are hardy and have strong roots and do well in storms.

A tree can be drilled into to determine whether it is rotting.

Recommended Tall trees:

Red Sunset Maple
Linden
Bald Cypress
Yellowwood
Gingko

The County will not do maintenance work for Borough trees but will take down dead trees at no charge.

We can use PSE&G to cut half of a tree. The remaining trunk is left to the discretion of the Borough to complete the removal.

The HSTC wants the public and developers to know that strict ordinances, procedures and measures are now in place and will be enforced fully to protect our Borough trees.

The meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

The next HSTC meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Kurjian

We thank Orhan Akman for his valuable work as a member of the HSTC and wish him all the best in his future plans.