

## HSTC Minutes 10/3/2023 Meeting

1. 7:04 PM Steve Jureller called meeting to order
  - a. In attendance: Steve Jureller, Dina Siciliano, Annette Berger-Machac, Karen Grossman, Robin Sodaro (via Zoom)
2. Public duly notified of meeting's occurrence
3. The minutes of the 6/5/23, 7/11/23 and 9/5/23 meetings were approved.

### Old Business:

1. Tree Planting: Purchase order has been issued. Planting around mid-November. Species of trees being planted are the American Hornbeam, Canadian Red Chokecherry, and the American Hophornbeam. Homeowners are not able to choose the desired species.
2. Social Media effort (Dina / Robin): Robin to send out draft logo for review. Dina to work on Facebook page.
3. Tree Farm: Robin raised the idea of turning the Tree Farm area into a mini-forest. Robin to send out information to the committee for review and further discussion.
4. Draft Tree Ordinance: Karen previously distributed the latest draft as reviewed with the two Environmental Commission members. The HSTC discussed this further and decided that the language needs to be simplified to focus

### New Business

1. The new Borough Construction Official, Robert Sherrow, will attend the November 14 HSTC meeting. Items for discussion will be circulated by Steve in advance.
2. Tree Issues: Tree list as distributed by Carolyn Lee on 9/29/23 was reviewed.
  - a. 400 Maple St – Dina to follow up with Tom Runge – still open
  - b. Haworth Ave at Duck Pond – Dina to have Tom Runge identify specific trees
  - c. 100 Terrace St – Dina to follow up with the DPW
  - d. 264 Crocker Pl – Liz Stewart will be reviewing one of the trees with an unusual (blondish) bark color. Steve will coordinate.
  - e. 18 Owatonna St – Dina to follow up with the DPW
  - f. 15 Summit Pl – Dina to follow up
  - g. 104 Myrtle St – Steve to review
  - h. Elm St - no action by STC
  - i. 451 Jefferson - Dina is going to call the homeowner
  - j. 520 Beech St - The homeowner at 520 St. Nicholas reviewed this previously with the Borough and the fallen tree is the responsibility of the 520 St. Nicholas homeowner. No further action by STC
  - k. 160 Hardenburgh - Utility company
  - l. Hendrickson St / 127 Hendrickson - put on WTP for removal
  - m. 233 Valley Ct - Utility company

- n. 280 Lake Shore Dr - Dina to discuss with T. Runge
- o. Park St - put on WTP for removal
- p. 329 Haworth Ave - Annette to review
- 3. NJUCF Grant Application – decision on the grant should be communicated by the end of October.
- 4. 2024 WTP list – Cutoff for adding trees will be November 1, 2023 to give the committee time to mark out the trees. Steve to advise Carolyn Lee of the cutoff date.
- 5. Steve reminded the committee that we need to complete a total of 8 CEU's (cumulatively for the committee) by the end of the year. Dina previously provided a list of possible course opportunities.
- 6. 2024 budget – Steve and Dina to work on draft budget, pending further information from the borough regarding 2023 expenditures.
- 7. 2024 HSTC meeting dates – Steve to distribute a list of dates to the committee for review and finalization.

#### 2023 Focus:

- 1. Enhance Borough awareness of what HSTC does
  - a. How to inform public?
    - i. Link on town web page & newsletter? Robin S to handle and work with Karen G on types of trees
      - 1. Robin to create a Shade Tree page
- 2. Grants: seek out more opps to fund planting (noted in Dina's report below)
  - a. Carbon offsets
  - b. Must do in conjunction with Borough
  - c. Dina to send list of Grantors/possible Grant opps with deadlines.
- 3. Improve relationship with DPW. On hold as new Supervisor pending

#### Grants:

- 1. Urban & Community Forestry Grant – application submitted in August – see above.
- 2. Arbor Day Foundation
- 3. National Climate Solutions Grant
- 4. Urban Forrest Canopy
- 5. Urban & Community Forestry Report
  - a. Concern w/ statement of tree budget
  - b. Tree education
  - c. Annual Accomplishments
- 6. Swim Club:
  - a. Consider tree re-forestry; grants are available

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm

#### Upcoming HSTC Meetings

- Nov 14
- Dec 5