

Minutes of the Haworth Shade Tree
Commission Meeting Held on February 2,
2021 in the Municipal Center

Present:

Joe Allegro, Chairman

Dina Siciliano, Council Representative

Jack Erhardt

Steve Jureller

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."

Discussion addressed the protection of Borough trees at given demolition sites,
including: an orderly documentation; the need for the builder to consult Haworth's
tree ordinance; the necessity of a Pre-Bond; the age, condition, and location of the
Borough tree(s). A list stipulating the proper treatment of Borough trees at building
sites will be issued to builders.

Fines collected for damage to Borough trees at building sites will go into the
General Fund.

Jack says that “real attention” must be given to the Tree Farm. Accordingly, we should meet in May to address and develop suitable ideas/plans. An appropriate allocation of money is vital to cover the scope and cost of the necessary work. We should issue a bid to refurbish the Tree Farm. Liz, a consultant, offered suggestions, including maintaining a watering system.

Notice of a forthcoming Tree-Poster contest, open to grades 2-12, will be placed on the Haworth website.

Are we properly registered for grant applications and are we familiar with the “estimate” and “proposals” for tree grant(s)?

Color-coding for Borough trees:

Spray-paint white for a tree to be removed

Red tape or yellow tape for pruning

The state must figure out a plan to take down ash trees killed by ash beetles.

Beuchler tree service of Tenafly was awarded a Haworth tree contract.

Recommendations have been returned to the Environmental Commission for further development.

Various other tree matters were addressed.

The meeting ended at 7:45.

The next scheduled meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at the Municipal Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Kurjian