

Minutes of the Haworth Shade Tree
Commission Meeting held on March 2, 2021
in the Municipal Center

Present:

Joe Allegro, Chairman

Dina Siciliano, Council Representative

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."

Tentative Budget: \$50,000

On examining a recent Site Plan, the HSTC noted that no Borough trees appeared
to be near the construction areas or in imminent danger. But questions arose for the
Building Commissioner to address that require more than summary emailing, in
order to ensure proper ongoing Borough input to protect Borough trees at or near
construction sites. Accordingly, the Borough Building Commissioner has been
invited to attend the next HSTC meeting, scheduled for April 6, 2021.

Regarding building site-plans, Joe and Steve emphasized the need for formal,
clarifying, tripartite negotiations involving the HSTC, the Haworth Building

Inspector, and the specified builder, with the unceasing view to protect Borough trees.

The builder at an Ivy Avenue project willingly changed the driveway to protect a non-Borough tree.

A construction site on Whitman Street was fined \$1,500 for violations of building codes.

Beucler has finished Haworth's WTP work, and the HSTC will assess the results when the snow has cleared.

Having completed everything in compliance, the HSTC has forwarded the appropriate forms to the New Jersey Tree Federation.

Haworth's Tree Farm has 45 empty containers. Twelve trees were planted outside of the Farm. We need professional oversight to bring the Farm up to our standards. Steve will send emails to invite residents to join him when he visits the Farm. Other nearby towns are interested in starting their own tree farms.

Twenty-nine trees were planted in Haworth, with the aim of planting at least forty.

How many oaks and other tall trees will be needed for the Farm?

Addendum

Thank you, Jack, for this:

Arbor Day Foundation's annual report for 2020 emphasized Tree City USA, "with the benefits of strong and sustainable urban forestry programs . . . that assist communities to thrive." This applies to enhancing the flourishing of tall trees in suburban communities, as well.

"Homeowners are strategically planting trees in partnership with local utility providers, public agencies, and other organizations. . . Working with 55 partners in 35 states, more than 50,000 trees were last distributed. . . Once reserved, the trees

are either delivered to homes or available for pickup at events organized by the Energy-Saving Trees or Community Canopy partner.”

There is an Arbor Day Farm: “Arbor Day Farm added a new way for guests of all ages to experience nature. Known as Treetop Village, this 3-acre attraction is the only place in America where you can clamber into the treetops to explore 11 different treehouses connected by more than 800 feet of unique bridges and netted walkways.”

Various other tree matters were discussed.

The meeting ended at 8:15.

The next scheduled meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Kurjian