

Haworth Shade Tree Commission
Meeting held on August 4, 2015 in the
Municipal Center

Present:

Joe Allegro, Chairman

Fran Goldstein

Doug Kurjian

Glenn Poosikian, Council Representative

The meeting came to order at 7:25 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."

Budget: \$30,831(?)

OLD BUSINESS

The HSTC has the sole prerogative to plant in the easement, preferably shade trees. Any planting in the easement must be approved by the HSTC.

NEW BUSINESS

Joe and Peter of the HSTC; Bill Smithson of Arrow Tree, certified tree expert; and Tom of the DPW evaluated the condition of Borough trees at the Swim Club. The work will cost an estimated \$3,800.

A Borough tree was illegally removed at Prospect and Harrison. Margaret said that a complaint order will need to be signed, in order for the police to issue a summons.

Fines for removing a Borough tree:

First-time offense: \$1,000-\$1,500

Second-time offense: \$1,000-\$2,000

Pam Zipse will update us, at the September meeting, on the Five-Year Plan.

A tree on private land near the school will be taken down by the owner.

Doug will write a letter for Borough-wide mailing about the need and responsibility to protect our trees on easements and on private property.

The HSTC plans to attend a course offered by Bill Comery.

The HSTC may meet with the Council about the need to protect heritage trees.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept 1, 2015, at 7: 25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Kurjian