

Hamden Tree Commission

Minutes of the Meeting of

February 17, 2015

Attending: Andrew Brand, Jill Nathanson, Thomas Parlapiano, Susan Sternberg

Call to Order

Chairman Parlapiano called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Parlapiano entertained a motioned to approve the minute of the meeting of January 20, 2015. A number of typing errors appear in the minutes; the name Brandon should be *Brendan*, under Public Comments the fifth line the word notd should be *noted*, the word tht should be *that*. Under Old Business the ninth line down the word sine should be *since* and the tenth line the word as should be removed. On line fourteen the word need should be *needs* and the word tos should be *to*. The first line on page two the word he should be the. Ms. Nathanson motioned to approve the minutes with the corrections, seconded by Mr. Brand. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

Public Comments on Agenda Items – Nothing at this time!

Guest: Mr. Ken Bullard, arborist for the United Illuminating Company – Mr. Bullard unfortunately had to cancel due to an emergency, but plant to attend the March 17, 2015 meeting.

Old Business

1. Update on Consulting Arborist position – Chairman Parlapiano advised the members that there are three potential applicants. He has provided the Mayor with the resumes and will meet with the Mayor to discuss the candidates. A brief discussion ensued regarding the tree list from the UI. The Commission would like a notice to go out to the residents advising them that the UI will be doing work in their area and what their rights are. Ms. Nathanson suggested a postcard with the information for the resident to be aware of and that the postcard go out at least two or three weeks prior to the UI starting the work. Ms. Nathanson motioned to propose to the Mayor that the Tree Commission send a letter or postcard to the residents with their rights based on the UI list of trees, seconded by Ms. Sternberg. ***The motion carried unanimously.***
2. Tree List – Addressing tree crew work load – Mr. Cesare is not present to review this matter and this item will be on the March 17, 2015 agenda.
3. Mission Statement and Goals – The Mission Statement has been submitted to the Mayor but no word yet if it is accepted as of yet. Chairman Parlapiano will add this to his list for his meeting with the Mayor. Ms. Nathanson provided the member with a completed Goals document and this will be provided to the Mayor for review and approval.
4. i-Tree Canopy Project – Ms. Sternberg provided information to the members that she has done on this so far. Ms. Sternberg noted that what she has done so far was only half the town and will go back and add the other half. The report the information

- provides is also a planning tool. Ms. Sternberg would like to partner with the Hamden Historical Society but isn't sure just how yet. The Commission would like to share the final information and report with the Planning and Zoning Dept. and Public Works. This item will appear on the agenda for the March 17, 2015 meeting.
5. Earth Day Event Update – Mr. Parlapiano has submitted the application for a table at the event. Ms. Stenberg noted she has spoken with Pam Roach and she will be reproducing some of the materials the Commission would like to hand out. A suggestion was made to ask for a table in the gym area so they can put up an activity table for young children. The activity is still being decided on.
 6. Arbor Day – April 24, 2015 – A brief discussion ensued as to the location of planting a tree. Mr. Parlapiano mentioned a resident who has contacted him in the past who lives on 2nd St. to see if he is still interested. Brooksvale Park would be a second choice. Mr. Parlapiano will contact Public Works Director Mr. Cesare about acquiring a tree for the event.

New Business

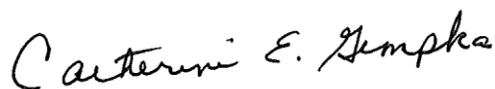
- 1 Tree Ordinance – Ms. Nathanson advised the Commission that in her research he discovered that this item requires at least six individuals to complete the task. She is researching for a template and when she finds one she will incorporate what she has found onto it and is looking for input from the Commission to help complete the project. Ms. Nathanon provided the members with a list of items that need to be incorporated, policies, regulations, standards, jurisdiction, authority, and operations are some of the areas that need defining. Mr. Parlapiano asked that each member take a portion of the ordinance and work on it. If they would please send their information on to Ms. Nahtanson so she can prepare a draft for the March meeting. This will be a continuing project for a couple of months. She would also like to incorporate some issues they have discussed at other meetings.
- 2 Other new business – Ms. Sternberg mentioned the symposium held on Friday at the Yale School of Forestry and recommended the members watch it as it is on the site. It is an all-day event but they don't have to watch it all at once.

Adjournment

At 8:10 p.m. Ms. Nathanson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Brand. *The motion carried unanimously.*

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, March 17, 2015 in the Main Floor Conference Room 6:30 p.m.

Recorded by,



Catherine E. Gempka
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