

Hamden Tree Commission

Minutes of the Meeting of June 16, 2015

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

Also Attending: Geoffrey Harris, Consulting Arborist for Hamden

Call to Order

Chairman Parlapiano called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Parlapiano entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 19, 2015. Ms. Sternberg noted the Chairman's name is spelled incorrectly on page 2 items 1 and 3. Mr. Brand motioned to approve the minutes of May 19, 2015 with the corrections, seconded by Ms. Nathanson. *The motion carried unanimously.*

Public Comments on Agenda Items – Nothing at this time!

Old Business

1. Proposed changes to Approved Tree List – Mr. Montgomery provided a copy of the revised tree list. There are ten additional trees added to the list. Mr. Montgomery will draft a letter to Mr. Cesare, Director of Public Works and Mr. Green, Hamden Tree Warden for their review and input for forwarding on to Planning and Zoning Department to be become part of their list.
2. Barraclough Ave. Tree Planting - Chairman Parlapiano has gone to the recently planted tree site to water it and fertilize it. He noted the tree is doing well. The resident at #36 wants a tree but would like it planted after the curb is repaired.
3. Tree Ordinance/Tree Policies/Permits – a lengthy discussion ensued with recommendations to the draft provided by Chairman Parlapiano to the members. Chairman Parlapiano will revise the draft and forward to the members for review. He would like to get this document in place as soon as is possible.
4. Commission Web Site – Chairman Parlapiano inquired if there were any additional recommendations for the web site. He is planning on meeting with Julie Smith at the end of July who is helping create the site. There are various other web sites from around the state that have information that can be used as a template for the Hamden site. If any members would like to come to the meeting please let the Chairman know and please continue sending their suggestions to him
5. Other old business – i-Tree project - Ms. Sternberg and Mr. Montgomery are still working on this project.

New Business

- 1 Arborist RFP – At this time there are two potential candidates but no other information is available.

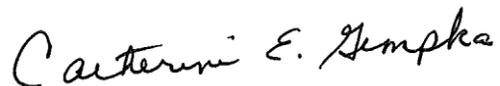
- 2 Woodlawn Street – Tree Hearing Decision – Mr. Harris provided a copy of his complete report outlining his inspection showing risk factors that was submitted at the Hearing. The final decision was that the tree will be pruned and revisited in a year for any further action.
- 3 Tree Planting Update - Chairman Parlupiano noted Mr. Cesare not present for the meeting as he was hoping to get the information from him on what has been done around town i.e. trees planted, trees removed and pruned. Mr. Brand did comment that the fall is not the best time for planting some species with Mr. Harris agreeing.
- 4 Fall Event Planning – Chairman Parlupiano would like to see some educational programs and possibly have a tree give-a-way. The Commission will have a table at the Brooksvale Fall Festival to be held the 3rd Saturday in September. Ms. Nathanson mentioned possibly having a Foliage photo contest. This will be discussed further at the July and August meetings.
- 5 Other new Business – Ms. Sternberg noted that five trees have been planted at Whitney Park (Whitney Ave. & Davis St.) but that the Commission wasn't advised of this. The question was raised as to where the trees came from, who is maintaining them and this would have been a good opportunity to get the community involved.

Adjournment

At 8:25 p.m. Mr. Brand motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Sternberg. *The motion carried unanimously.*

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, July 21, 2015 in the Main Floor Conference Room 6:30 p.m.

Recorded by,



Catherine E. Gempka
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