

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 12, 2012 MEETING

Present: Nils Abate, Todd Bradbury, George Futterknecht, Anthony Lupardi, Sr., Keith Scholz
and Louise Ungar, Members

Absent: Susan Boudet and John Kashwick

Meetings Statement. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

approved as presented.

Meeting Opened to the Public:

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence.

Old Business:

Leslie Weatherly was unable to attend the meeting, but sent a detailed update to the members as follows: All take down work was completed by DeCarlo Trees; Grants and Reports received were submitted; A Purchase Order was cut for the Shade Tree Federation; and six stumps were removed by DeCarlo Trees for shade trees removed by Rockland Electric and the Department of Public Works. Take down complaints have been minimal, although 9 New Street needs an "X" so that O&R can remove it.

Mr. and Mrs. Schiaffo of 95 Forest Street requested a Red Maple tree overhanging their house with root problems, etc. be removed. Todd looked at it and felt it was a nice tree and should not come down. (Note: Nils took a look at the tree and Keith will also.)

A quote is needed in the next few weeks for whatever tree(s) are going to be planted for Arbor Day. Leslie will process it as soon as she receives the written quote.

Paul Cowie has been contacted about updating our Five-Year Community Forestry Management Plan and we have applied for a Grant. M/S/C we have Paul Cowie begin working on this. He will send us a formal quote which is anticipated to be \$4,400.00. Todd mentioned he might be able to obtain another quote.

Louise mentioned we have only two members now regularly checking on trees. She feels it is important that any new members be knowledgeable about the condition of trees. Keith is encouraged to take courses.

Nils attended a Shade Tree Management Class and had an opportunity to speak to Ted Szczawinski, a knowledgeable person about the height of street tree plantings. He suggested a possible change in the wording of the Shade Tree Ordinance would be "Under story tree plantings should be trees that will not enter the

primary electrical distribution system.” He noted some trees “overgrow” their anticipated height. M/S/C we recommend this wording to the Mayor to be used in the Shade Tree Ordinance.

Nils distributed copies of a CD he obtained at the class. The information on it can be modified to reflect our town. Nils came away with the feeling that this commission is doing a fine job. He asked about hardware and software available from the county, but when he checked, he was told that was not so.

Nils was in touch with Tenakill School about Arbor Day plantings and they will get back to him. A quote for the trees should be submitted shortly to the Borough Administrator. Flowering Plum and Magnolia trees were mentioned.

A suggested list for Pruning/Maintenance and Planting Schedules will be presented next month.

George had no information about possible students from the NVRHS Senior Release Program.

New Business::

Nils has learned that Little Falls belongs to a cooperative that takes down trees at a reasonable price. Should we look into possibly joining this? More information would have to be gotten as to how the procedure works. Nils will pursue this.

Todd states a new take down list will be organized.

There being no further business, M/S/C the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise G. Ungar
Secretary