

Delanco Shade Tree Commission

770 Coopertown Road - Delanco, NJ 08075

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Minutes of Regular Meeting

October 27, 2010

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05, by Chairman Schmitt.

Flag Salute

All those present participated in the flag salute.

Sunshine Statement

The Sunshine Statement was read aloud by Chairman Schmitt.

Roll Call

The members present at this meeting were Chairman Schmitt, Vice Chairman Taraschi, Mr. Lacina, Mrs. Silverberg, and Mrs. Braun.

Mr. Matulewicz, Mr. Atkinson, and Mrs. Hinkle were not in attendance.

Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 22, 2010

A motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 22, 2010 was made by Vice Chairman Taraschi and was seconded by Chairman Schmitt. The motion was carried unanimously with no abstentions.

Public Forum

There were no members of the public present at this meeting.

Old Work

Dorrell- 321 Magnolia Ln.

Homeowner is looking for removal of the tree on the left side of his residence. He states that the roots of the tree are pushing up the sidewalk.

Vice Chairman Taraschi attempted to perform an inspection but was unable to locate the residence. This request was tabled until the tree could be properly inspected.

Vice Chairman Taraschi and Mr. Matulewicz both performed inspections. They agreed that the tree appeared healthy and that no problems were detected. The homeowner's request for removal was denied.

New Work

Kearns-14 McCay Way

Homeowner states that the tree between 14 and 16 McCay Way has been inspected twice and has been found to have an insect infestation . He states that he has received a promise to remove and replace this tree but nothing has been done.

No inspection was performed in this case. The residence is located in Newton's Landing . The builder is bonded and responsible for tree removal and replacement.

Pugh- 718 Hickory St.

Homeowner states that the tree between 718 and 720 Hickory St. has been dropping large branches and is requesting a trimming. She also has an Oak tree in a planter and would like to donate it to the Committee to be planted as needed in town.

Vice Chairman Taraschi performed an inspection. He stated that he observed no evidence of decay or dead branches but that tree was possibly in need of a trim. A request was forwarded to the PWD for them to inspect the tree and trim what they felt was necessary.

The homeowner was also contacted to request that she hold onto the new Oak tree until the Commission could locate a planting site for it in the Spring.

States- 400 Ash St.

Homeowner is looking for the removal of the Maple tree to the left side of his residence on Franklin St. He states that the tree is rotting and leaning toward a neighbor's house, the road and electrical wires.

Mr. Atkinson and Vice Chairman Taraschi both preformed inspections and found no evidence of rotting. They stated that while the tree does lean, they believe that it is not in danger of falling.

Salek- 210 Fenimore Ln.

Homeowner is looking for the removal of the large oak tree in front her residence. She states that the tree is infested with termites and has provided pictures to show that large branches have been falling recently.

Chairman Schmitt and Vice Chairman Taraschi both inspected the tree and while they saw no evidence of termites, there was concern about the fungus, mushrooms, and weeping spot approximately six feet up on the sidewalk side. The decision was made to submit it to the PWD for a trimming and if in the process there was significant evidence of decay, then the tree should be removed.

Open Forum

Mr. Lacina inquired about the decision made at September's meeting in regards to 2926 Colgate Ave. because he was not present at that meeting.

A second request was received about two trees at 854 Pennsylvania Ave. A submission for trimming had been submitted to the PWD earlier in the year and it was agreed upon to contact John Fenimore and request an update on the trimming and removal submissions for the year.

Chairman Schmitt agreed to handle and submit the Tree City USA application for recertification.

Correspondence

An updated tree removal list was sent to John Fenimore and the approved minutes from Augusts' meeting were sent to Marie DiSibio for posting.

Letters were sent to Mr. Fink (2926 Colgate Ave.), Mr. De Santé (615 Hickory St.), and Mr. Rogers (1 Edwards Ave.) advising them that tree inspections were performed and that their requests for tree trimming had been approved.

The DSTC received a Tree City USA application for recertification and also a Growth Award application from the Arbor Day Foundation.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chairman Taraschi and was seconded by Mrs. Silverberg. The motion was carried unanimously with no abstentions.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33PM.