

Delanco Shade Tree Commission

770 Coopertown Road - Delanco, NJ 08075

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting

September 22, 2010

Call to Order

The meeting called to order at 7:15PM 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. Matulewicz, Mrs. Braun, and Township Liaison Mrs. Hinkle.

Mr. Lacina, Mr. Atkinson, and Mrs. Silverberg were not in attendance.

Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting of August 25, 2010

A motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of August 25, 2010 was made by Mr. Matulewicz, and was seconded by Chairman Schmitt. The motion was carried with all members present in favor, with the exception of Vice Chairman Taraschi who abstained because he did not attend last month's meeting.

Public Forum

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

Old Work

Rogers- 1 Edwards Ave.

Homeowner is looking for the removal of a tree to the left of the driveway between his residence and house #3. He states that it appears to be dying and that several large limbs have fallen recently.

Mrs. Silverberg went to the residence to perform an inspection. Her observation was that the tree was in relative good health and may possibly just need a trimming. She asked that other members of the Commission take an additional look because this was her first tree inspection since becoming a member.

Vice Chairman Taraschi performed an inspection and agreed with Mrs. Silverberg's findings that there were several loose hanging dead branches. All members were in agreement that a submission should be made to PWD to have the tree trimmed.

New Work

De Sante- 615 Hickory St.

Homeowner is looking for removal of the Maple tree in front of his residence. He states that the roots are lifting five sections of sidewalk and pushing out the curb.

Mr. Matulewicz and Vice Chairman Taraschi performed inspections and stated that this was a mature tree in good health. They agreed that the trip hazard was minimal and slight ramping may be needed. There were a few low hanging branches obstructing the pedestrian sidewalk and it was agreed upon to submit a trimming request to PWD to have them removed.

Fink-2926 Colgate Ave.

Homeowner is looking for removal of the Oak tree in front of his residence. He states that the tree has several large dead branches and is leaning on the cable lines causing them to fray. In addition, he says that the roots are lifting the sidewalk and pushing out the curb.

Vice Chairman Taraschi performed an inspection and stated that the large oak appeared healthy but had several large branches entwined in the wires. All members were in agreement that a submission should be made to PWD to have the tree trimmed.

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 next meeting .

Open Forum

Mr. Matulewicz discussed possible dates that members would be available for CEU training. Kevin Scibilia was contacted to coordinate and schedule a tree identification seminar.

Mrs. Hinkle provided a mailing that she received for a Community Forestry Program that the Commission could potentially use for CEU credits in the future. The annual Shade Tree Federation Conference was also discussed as an additional venue to acquire Core and/or CEU credits.

Mrs. Hinkle asked if members could come up with some suggestions for the sidewalk ordinance that could be discussed at the next meeting. Vice Chairman Taraschi mentioned referencing the engineering standards for curb thickness to keep them uniform town wide.

Correspondence

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

A letter was sent to Ms. Pywell (509 Orchard Ave.) advising her that a tree inspection was performed and that her request for removal was denied.

The DSTC received an email from Mrs. Pena-Bell regarding a tree removal request that was made to PWD in January. She was inquiring about the time frame for that removal.

John Fenimore was contacted and stated that the PWD would try to get the problem resolved before leaf season.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.