

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 14, 2011 MEETING

Present: Todd Bradbury, George Futterknecht, John Kashwick, Anthony Lupardi, Sr.,
Adam Nock and Louise Ungar, Members

Absent: Nils Abate, Susan Boudet and Kathi Cochran

meeting to order with the Open 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:

The necessary inspections have been done. George spoke about some trees at 87 Cedar Lane. The homeowner was given permission to take down the three Sycamore trees.

John stated in the proposed Budget the commission was given \$50,000.00, with \$40,000.00 to be from the regular fund and \$10,000.00 from the Mitigation Fund to be used for plantings. \$20,000.00 will be put in a separate fund to take down trees in the parks. This is great news and we will figure on doing a fall planting.

Nils will be asked to do some research and recommend a lap top computer and possible new software to be purchased. This will be used to keep track of our take downs and plantings of street trees.

Todd is looking into finding a qualified person to work on surveying street trees for us.

The Pollock Square deer problems should be addressed in the fall.

There was discussion about the tree grate problems on down town Closter Dock Road. George has looked at them and feels not all of the grates have to be addressed at this time. The question was asked, will maintaining the down town area street scape cost more? There might be other solutions. George asks that other members of the commission check on these trees and we will discuss this at our next meeting.

M/S/C we work on the six grates that need to be cut away from the trees at 208, 265, 277 and 295 (2) Closter Dock Road as well as the one in front of Variety Square. Todd will get three quotes for this work.

It was noted there are some empty "tree spots" in front of Heidenberg Plaza.

Tony researched the locations for planting of trees at the schools for Arbor Day. He suggests the Harrington Avenue side of the building at Tenakill School. At Hillside School, he suggests the back of the school. The date set for this is Friday, April 29th, with the times to be decided at our next meeting. The schools should be contacted about possible attendance at the plantings.

A tree will also be planted at Hagen Park on the corner of Tenakill Street and Durie Avenue at 3:00pm on Saturday, April 30th.

Regarding the CEU credits, George informed us he had taken some courses.

There was discussion about the Vossler Tract trees. Could we move plantings further in on the property? It was noted some of the existing trees are in worse shape than others. This area will be evaluated.

Todd has made a list of last spring's plantings regarding replacements needed. He stated some stakes on old plantings need to be removed. Could the Department of Public Works help with this?

George is working on the report due on the trees planted in the Historic District.

New Business:

Mention was made of possible planting of memorial trees in the state.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Louise G. Ungar
Secretary