

Minutes
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
April 22, 2014

Attendance: Rich Whitehead, Chairman
Rob Frazier
Christine Names

Staff: Hal Alvord, Tree Warden
Paul Sotnik, Deputy Tree Warden

Norwalk Tree Alliance: Dan Landau

Neighborhood Liaisons: Ron Muller

Absent: Peter Viteretto
Gay MacLeod

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Whitehead called the meeting to order at 5:40 P.M.

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 25, 2014

**** MR. FRAZIER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. REPORT - INCIDENTS OF ILLEGAL CUTTING

Mr. Sotnik said that there were no new illegal cuttings to report.

4. TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

- a. Main Street
Mr. Sotnik said that he spoke with Ms. Fossella and she said that the security officer at Bank of America has denied the request for the tree plantings. He said that the business owners at 184 Main Street will be doing their own planting as part of their Planning and Zoning application. Mr. Sotnik also said that any of the

dead Kwanzan Cherry trees in the planters will be replaced and they will also be installing Ivy in the planters to improve their appearance.

- b. Fort Point Street
Mr. Sotnik said that he has spoken to Mr. Almstead and that 9 English Oak trees have been ordered at a cost of \$647.50 each, installed. He also said that he will be meeting with Mr. Barnes of the Department of Transportation on April 30, 2014, at 10:00AM regarding the permit request. Mr. Alvord said that he will also be meeting with the Third Taxing District regarding their property.
- c. East Avenue
Mr. Frazier said that St. Paul's church will be planting 2 trees in the fall. One will be from the free tree planting program, and other one will be donated. Mr. Whitehead asked what species they will be planting. Mr. Frazier said an English Oak Tree from the tree planting program and he does not know what the other species will be. He said that the other plantings for East Avenue will be done in the fall.
- d. Marvin Beach
Mr. Sotnik said that there will be a planting done on Tonetta Circle and that he is waiting for the type of species to be planted from Mr. Jinsian. He said that this will be done as a spring planting.
- e. Harbor Shores
Mr. Sotnik said that the order was placed on April 3, 2014, for 11 trees to be planted at various locations for a total cost of \$8,060.
- f. Day Street
Mr. Sotnik said that the order was placed on April 3, 2014, for 2 trees to be planted at 49 Day Street for a total cost of \$1,720.
- g. Concord Street
Mr. Sotnik said he will stake the locations and place the order.
- h. 17 McKinley Avenue
Mr. Frazier said that there was a tree that had come down during one on the storms and requested to plant another tree at that location.
- i. Fox Run
Mr. Whitehead said that there was a tree that was run over by a vehicle and needs to be replaced.

5. INFORMATION:

- a. Tree City USA Bulletin No. 42

Mr. Alvord distributed.

6. STATUS - TREE CITY USA AND GROWTH AWARD

Mr. Alvord said that he received a letter from the DEEP and that Norwalk has earned both the Tree City USA and Growth award again and that Mr. Moss has done a press release.

7. PLANNING STATUS - 2014 ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Mr. Alvord said that everything is on track and that the judgment for the poster contest has been completed.

8. PLANNING STATUS - 2014 CONNECTICUT TREE FESTIVAL

Mr. Alvord said that everything is on track and that the next meeting is scheduled for Friday at the mansion at Cranbury Park, and that a site walk will be done with Mr. Mocciae.

9. ROSA PARKS ARBORETUM

Mr. Muller said that there has been no change. The final verification of the tree species will be done once there are leaves on the trees.

10. REPORT - STATEGIC TREE CANOPY ENHANCEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Alvord said that this was covered under the status of the Tree Planting Program portion of the agenda under Item 4c.

11. REPORT - NTA ACTIVITIES AND RECRUITING

Mr. Landau said that that Norwalk Tree Alliance has selected Ms. Christine Names as the Tree Advocate of the Year. He also reported on the status of the Urban Forestry grant and said that he has still not received the funding documents for the tree identification signage and that he has sent an e-mail to Mr. Donnelly requesting an update. Mr. Landau stated that the Tree Alliance would also be judging the pictures for the Second Annual Photo Contest where the winner will be announced at the Connecticut Tree Festival.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Frazier said that he would like to see better coordination with Planning and Zoning regarding plantings on permit applications and asked if a request to Mayor Rilling should be made to facilitate this. Mr. Alvord said that he will speak to Mr. Green about this.

13. ADJOURNMENT

**** MS. NAMES MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 P.M.