

## **Township of Colts Neck, Shade Tree Commission Minutes of 03 June 2010 Meeting**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chair Person Eileen Stivala who read the following statement. “As the presiding officer of this meeting of the Colts Neck Shade Tree Commission, I hereby declare that the notice requirements in accordance with the provisions of the Open Meeting Law Chapter 21, P. L. 1995 has been provided in accordance with the Annual Notice Procedures of C 10.4 - 28 of said Act. I further order that this public announcement be placed in the minutes of this meeting.

### **Roll Call**

Commission Members Present - Eileen Stivala, Mary Barbagallo, Curtis McKittrick, Ben O'Neill

Staff Present –Julie McGowan, Landscape Architect

### **Discussion**

Ravine conservation area adjacent to the “Becker Property” is dangerously eroding and endangering adjacent property. 30’ land has eroded from under the slope. This problem is difficult, if not impossible to reach in order to stop erosion. At best it is cost prohibitive to correct and is well beyond the scope of the Shade Tree Commission. This problem will be submitted to the Township Engineer Glen Gerkin. Permits to remedy could cost many thousands of dollars. Julie suggested planting willows as a way to stabilize what is left of the slope.

Julie McGowan has a list of trees that must come down in the interest of safety.

1. Sassafras opposite # 37 on Conover Road.
2. Maple # 4 Dutch Lane Road on Conover.
3. Oak (same location)

The three problem areas were submitted to Glen Gerken to determine

responsibility.

### **New Subdivisions and Site Plans**

1. PB 636 Findel, Cedar Dr. - Minor Site Plan - JM report dated 3/06/06 on 12/22/05 prints - open item awaiting PB action and revised prints. JM has new plans and reports progress.
4. PB 665 Rada, Bluebell, Block 29, Lot 9. PB approved – needs new plans.
7. PB 671 Cappola, Clover Hill Road & Moonlight, Block 1, Lot 8.01 and Lot 8.5 - Lot line revision – Need landscape plan
9. PB # 680 Trump, Block 46, Lot 1.52 - (revision date 9/29/09) presently awaiting landscape plans.
10. PB # 681 Garber, Block 29, Lot 10.05 – Landscape plan required.
11. PB683, Illmensee Family Square – Plans submitted are acceptable.
12. PB # 623C Lot 2205, Lots 1.02, 2.01 - Not acceptable in its present form. Landscape plans required. Proposed driveway goes through an easement when other alternatives are available, and is placed where it would be poorly defined and require removal of a blue spruce.
13. Gerber – New landscape plans required.
14. Proposed Cell Tower at Colts Neck High School – New landscape plans required. Both above items of discussion unanimously agreed by STC membership that new landscape plans are required.

## **INFRACTIONS & OTHER ITEMS -**

1. Rivers edge multiple residents having various greenway violations - as follows: *In progress*

A. Parikh - Block 35, Lot 22.24. CEO letter of 9/10/03 reference lights to be removed by 10/10/03. CEO actively pursuing. No landscaping required. JN to follow up with CEO.

B. Bisignano - Block 35, Lot 22.23 - CEO letter of 11/13/03 violations to be removed by Oct 1, 2003. JN to follow up with CEO. Letter sent requesting Bisignano or Bisignano representative requested to attend STC Meeting to develop restoration plan to area cleared of under-story and removal of stairs leading down to water edge of reservoir. Mr. Bisignano attended the STC public meeting and agreed to cooperate with STC requirements to restore under-story to natural state, and develop a plan to minimize run off to reservoir while under-story grows back. He also agreed to remove stairs to reservoir. He asked why he was being singled out and was told that he is not the only one being approached regarding violations. It just happens that he is the first in line of many offenders who also will be notified to remove all violations and restore natural conditions as necessary to prevent precipitation run off into water supply (reservoir).

C. Damurjian - Block 35, Lot 22.18 - CEO letter dated 10/16/03 with action by 11/01/03. No action observed by 11/01/03. CEO & JN to follow up.

D. Vulpis/Lionette - Block 35, Lot 22.19 - CEO letter dated 10/16/03. Need to consult lawyer regarding STC's nest move. CEO and JN to follow up.

E. Aprilante - Block 35, lot 22.20, CEO sent letter dated 10/16/03. Mrs. Aprilante called GEF saying "Fire caused damage." Need to consult lawyer regarding STC's next move. CEO & JN to follow up.

Property inspection required.

2. Shor - Block 27, Lot 10, Bluebell Road - Fence and structure in Conservation Easement and wetlands, groundcover shrubs and trees cut. CEO sent letters dated 3/11/04 & 4/15/05. CEO and GEF and DEP representative met with Mr. Shor. He is to proceed with the wetlands problem first. CEO and JN to follow up.
3. PB 633 Clemente 9 Western Drive, Block 10, Lot 9.6 - Greenway easement and site violation. On 6/29/05, GEF and AJ Garito discussed 6/02/05 print with Township Committee. They agreed to land swap and other changes. PB approved with conditions. Revised prints required. NC JM to check with T. Anfuso.
4. Figaro, Michel 153 Cedar Drive - Cut large tree in conservation easement JM & JA to report on site visit and make recommendations for restoration. NC ES will write letter to Mr. Figaro asking that he replace the large 36 inch caliber tree that was removed with five 3 inch caliber white oaks. Locations will be flagged by JM and suggested planting by 15 May '06. NC Letter sent to Mr. Figaro informing him that 5 trees should be planted by May 15, 2007 to avoid further action against him. It is duly noted that the trees planted are NOT white oak trees and Mr. Figaro is in violation. To be forwarded to legal to determine course of action.
5. DeFalco, Robert 26 Twin Lake Drive, Block 48, Lot 20.13 - Landscape easement violation. - Off Bond. Tax Map 7.05, 6/05/05. JN, GEF visited site - GEF needs to review with JM and follow up. Violation notice served 11/06/05 and on site visit with GEF. Mr. DeFalco to replace rails in fence but not to Remove any more brush or ground cover. Discuss restoration procedure. JM will determine what is to be planted after a visit to the site. JM to follow up w/letter. Need Landscape plan. Memo sent to T. Anfuso so stating.

6. Polino - Williamsburg - STC to get Rich Galinski (CEO) to explain violation if any regarding fencing, wall height, and pool built into deck. Deferred until next month.
8. Mr. Otinel (“Oty”) Shor – Planted bamboo which is an invasive species and undesirable in Colts Neck Township. Additionally, there are numerous other unspecified violations/infraction. A cypress screen has been planted on the property such that observation of many of the violations cannot be made.
9. Verga- Landscaping in greenway, inspection needed.
10. Felsetto, 8 Candlewick. Owner worried about trees in greenway falling and would like an inspection of the greenway adjacent to the property.

### **Committee Reports**

**Violations, Complaints, and “other” item resolution subcommittee.**

**Pools - No Report**

**Lands, Greenways, Conservation acres, and Landscape easements. - No report**

**STC Members’ Reports & Questions - none**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN BY B. O’NEILL, 2<sup>ND</sup> C. McKITTRICK.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED 2040**

Respectfully Submitted,

Curtis McKittrick  
Secretary

03 June 2010