



Township of Colts Neck, Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

1 October 2015

Meeting called to order at 19:30 hours by 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. 1975 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, Gordon Boak, Henry Hammond, Jen Axelrod, Patricia Eastman, Jim Nicoletti

Absent: Shawn Burke

Staff

Present:

Absent: Anita O'Malley, STC secretary, Committeeman Michael Fitzgerald, Township Committee liaison to STC

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion by H. Hammond to approve, 2nd by J. Axelrod, all in favor

Violations

None reviewed

New Subdivisions and Site Plans

None reviewed

Issues

J. Nicoletti reported on a query from Mike Lyman, 30 Spruce Lane about removal of trees on his property some of which were "street trees." J. Nicoletti visited the property and informed resident that he can remove the trees as he sees fit but should review the town's Street Tree Ordinance. STC reviewed and approved his action and recommendation.

Discussion

1. Arboretum: A new work session will be scheduled shortly pending favorable weather. Press article and arboretum map (see attached) prepared, edited, reviewed, and approved by STC. E. Stivala to publicize. G. Boak
2. Shade Tree Commission Banner: Tabled, pending review by A. O'Malley at next meeting
3. 22 Beaver Dam Road: site again visited by G. Boak who also spoke with owner. Tree in question is still standing: on Green Acres property, leaning over into owner's back yard. Homeowner has a bid for tree's removal. They are awaiting either approval by the town for reimbursement for having the tree removed, or action by the town to remove it themselves. They have heard nothing from the Town. Matter referred to Township Administrator and to the Director of Public Works for further action and resolution.
4. Despite multiple inquiries, STC still has no information about filling slot of alternative STC member. Also noted: the repeated absence of the Township Committeeman liaison due to a work conflict. E. Stivala will pursue these matters with CN Township's Administration.

Motion to adjourn

Motion by G. Boak to adjourn, 2nd by J. Axelrod, all in favor
Meeting adjourned 20:20.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anita O'Malley, *Secretary*
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ARBORETUM UPDATE:

Updated arboretum map hung in town library and posted inn outdoor library entrance. Updated map posted on Colts Neck website. Request to have it displayed so that it is more easily found It is currently under older postings about 3 pages down inside the website with no way to know that it's there.

Arbnet posting of information about our arboretum updated and expanded.

Article about arboretum written and edited for publication to increase awareness about arboretum.

Work session completed Sept 4: 6 hours of volunteer work pruning and removing vines etc.

Barcoding of trees methodology to be presented at next STC meeting.

Ongoing: watering of new trees; deer damage prevention; pruning; vine removal.

