



Township of Colts Neck, Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

6 October 2016

Meeting called to order at 19:32 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, Jim Nicoletti, Dino Nicoletta, Gordon Boak, Henry Hammond, Patricia Eastman

Absent: Jen Axelrod, Shawn Burke

Staff

Absent: Committeeman Michael Fitzgerald, Township Committee liaison to STC

Present: Anita O'Malley, CN Shade Tree Commission secretary, Brian Leff, Landscape Architect, T&M Associates

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion by G. Boak to approve, 2nd by H. Hammond, All in Favor, the Minutes of the previous meeting of September 2016.

New Subdivisions and Site Plans

1. Date: 9/26/16: PB #721 Bl. 51, Lot 1.01 Hockhockson Farm RE: Plan reviewed and approved provisionally, Brian Leff to review and issue a memo back to CN Shade Tree Commission that we can pass back to CN Planning Board.

Plan Resolution

- Adequate, with approval granted, with any changes as stated on landscape architect memo.
- Inadequate, due to insufficient detail in submitted drawings and plan documents,
- Inadequate, due to plans' failure to satisfy Township rules and regulations.
- Inadequate, with prejudice. The Commission has voted to deny the application as submitted.

Issues

55 Carriage Hill Road: J. Nicoletti inspected, Mr. Huang attended meeting. Brian Leff made a recommendation to homeowner to use a pasture mix and around the area of a flooding stream use an erosion control fabric, which will hold the seed in place. For the record, there is an easement for the property and it should remain untouched. Homeowner is recommended to speak to Glen Gerkin, Twp. Engineer.

12 Birch Lane: E. Goldstein, J. Nicoletti, inspected location and found that the homeowner had trees that seemed to be failing. He wanted to know if the township could tell him that he had to remove his trees that are on his property that are in from the street. I told him if a tree or limb could fall on to the township right of way from his property and be a danger to the public than it is possible that he may get a letter or notice.

25 New Street: J. Nicoletti inspected, and checked the map along with Tim and learned that area in question is not the property of 25 New Street. This homeowner concerns are that sap from the trees along his driveway is dripping on his cars. Jim explained that it was a private matter between him and his neighbor and it can be resolved and he agreed.

Fox Hedge: Issue to be resolved regarding removal of trees

Discussion

1. Brian Leff, Landscape Architect: Generate a longer term maintenance plan for the arboretum grounds to build on what's now there, and develop specifics for best sites and specimens for new plantings. Brian to get a proposal to Shade Tree Commission for the STC Nov. meeting, for a Master Arboretum conceptual plan with a list of potential trees that would benefit the community most. Plan to include Ash trees on Heritage Lane. He can also look up grants that may be available for funding the plan.



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2. K. Capristo: The Township Committee approved the Introduction of the Ordinance amending the Shade Tree Commission Ordinance. There will be a Public Hearing and consideration for adoption at the next Township Committee meeting scheduled for **October 12, 2016 at 7:30 pm**. Deputy Mayor Fitzgerald has asked that someone from the Shade Tree Commission be present at this meeting. P. Eastman volunteered to attend.

Motion to adjourn

Motion by G. Boak to adjourn, 2nd by E.Stivala
All in favor. Meeting adjourned 20:39

Respectfully Submitted,
A. O'Malley, *Secretary*
6, October 2016