



Township of Colts Neck, Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

04 September 2014

Meeting called to order at 19:38 hours by Jim Nicoletti, 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: Jim Nicoletti, Henry Hammond, Gordon Boak, Patricia Eastman, Jen Axelrod

Absent: Eileen Stivala, Ben O'Neill

Staff

Present: Anita O'Malley, STC Secretary, Tom Orgo, Committee Liaison

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion by G. Boak to approve, 2nd by H. Hammond to accept minutes of previous meeting.

Discussion

1. T. Orgo to check on the viability of having a landscape architect attend Shade Tree Commission meetings.
2. J. Axelrod and J. Nicoletti to schedule a meeting with T. Anfuso to review existing plans in the queue and establish a process for review pre-meeting as a briefing so that we are ready for the meeting
3. Letter from Shade Tree Commission to the T. Anfuso/Environmental Commission regarding inspection of 1 Twin Ponds Trail property pond/wetlands violation. Signed by J. Nicoletti.
4. Quackenbush cleared trees from Bucks Mill that were dangerous to the public.
5. Residents to check with T. Anfuso before doing any work on conservation areas. STC members have been beautifying and pruning trees in Township Municipal park.
6. Bob Quackenbush has a full schedule we will have to wait until he slows down in winter re: Level 1 Arboretum discussion.
7. Committee approved membership in NJ State Shade Tree Federation. A membership for 5=\$95---Also, G. Boak approved to go to State conference Oct. 24-25 = \$110. Will provide educational credits for accreditation.
8. Community Forest Plan --- Committee reviewed and there is no budget to hire a landscape architect.
9. Homeowner, Block #41.01, Lot 95, 16 Blacksmith Pass, J. Pecorino tree issue discussed and deemed to be an issue of The Grande Association. Shade Tree Commission to send letter to homeowner.
10. CN Residents with tree claims requested to use STC online claim form located at:
<http://www.colts-neck.nj.us/administration/commissions/shade-tree-commission>

Motion to adjourn

By H. Hammond, 2nd G.Boak. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 20:28.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anita O'Malley, *Secretary*
4, Sept. 2014