

Township of Colts Neck, Shade Tree Commission Minutes of 02 September 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, Curtis McKittrick, Jennifer Axelrod, Henry Hammond,, Mary Barbagallo, Jennifer Axelrod

Staff Present –Julie McGowan, Landscape Architect; Ed Eastman, Township Committee Liaison

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 the suggestion of Julie McGowan, willow trees were planted and are beginning to stabilize the slope.

A visit to the River’s Edge neighborhood in September was discussed as a possibility.

New Subdivisions and Site Plans

1. PB 665 Rada, Bluebell, Block 29, Lot 9. PB approved – needs new plans.

2. PB 671 Cappola, Clover Hill Road & Moonlight, Block 1, Lot 8.01 and Lot 8.5 - Lot line revision – Need landscape plan
3. PB # 680 Trump, Block 46, Lot 1.52 - (revision date 9/29/09) presently awaiting landscape plans.
4. PB # 681 Garber, Block 29, Lot 10.05 – Landscape plan required.
5. PB683, Illmensee Family Square – Plans submitted are acceptable.
6. PB # 623C Lot 2205, Lots 1.02, 2.01 Montrose Rd, McGee - 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.
7. PB # 681, Garber: Submitted plans approved on the condition 3 additional copies of the plan are submitted to STC, motion to accept by Mr. Hammond, 2nd Mr. Nicoletti. Memo sent to Planning Board.
8. Beth Harrison, 170 Stone Hill Rd: Plans submitted are in accordance with applicable specifications. Letter to be sent to homeowner.
9. PB # 685, Laird Road Fields, Block 20, Lots 10, 3: Shade Tree Commission has no objection to the 01 April 2010 proposed additions to the snack stand building, which cannot be seen from the road in any event. Memo will be sent to Planning Board.
10. PB # 684, Due Process Golf Course, CR537E: Shade Tree Commission has no objections to the 28 June 2010 revision of the proposed vehicle wash building. Memo to be sent to Planning Board.

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 next 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. 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. 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. Code Enforcement Officer Rich Galinske will be asked to investigate.

3. Figaro, Michael 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.
4. 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.
5. Verga, 8 Birch Ln.- Landscaping in greenway and conservation easement cut, inspection needed.
6. Felsetto, 8 Candlewick. Owner worried about trees in greenway falling and would like an inspection of the greenway adjacent to the

property. Eileen Stivala will inspect.

7. Appuzzo, 7 Clover Hill Road: Trees planted in Right-Of-Way, property appears vacant and foreclosure is likely, no further attempts will be made to have violations corrected by landowner or occupant.

8. 5 Wide Horizons- Occupant is concerned that a dead tree in the greenway will fall and damage property outside of greenway. Memo will be sent to Bob Bowden asking that the tree be removed by the Department of Public Works.

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 H. HAMMOND, 2ND M. BARBAGALLO.

MEETING ADJOURNED 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,

Curtis McKittrick
Secretary

08 July 2010