

Township of Colts Neck, Shade Tree Commission Minutes of 02 June 2011 Meeting

In the absence of Chair Eileen Stivala and Vice-Chair James Nicoletti, the Meeting was called to order at 1930 hours by Secretary McKittrick, 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.”

Motion B. O’Neill, 2nd H. Hammond, for C. McKittrick to act as Chair *pro tempore*. All in favor, none opposed.

Roll Call

Commission Members Present - Curtis McKittrick, Ben O’Neill, Henry Hammond, Stephen Marx, Jennifer Axelrod

Staff Present –Jarrett Engel, Committee Liaison, Julie McGowan, Landscape Architect

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion by B. O’Neill, 2nd Jennifer Axelrod, to accept minutes of previous meeting with “Discussion” being amended to read “Liaison Engel appeared and reported that he would be attempting to meet with the Municipal Judge to discuss the possibility of increased enforcement of shade-tree related ordinances”. All in favor.

Discussion

Mr. Engel reported he was in discussions with Township Administrator

Robert Bowden to begin circulating a draft of a new brush collection ordinance, the specifics of which are being decided.

It was reported by H. Hammond that on Victorian Way, there were dead trees in the cul-de-sac and that the Department of Public Works should be notified.

Discussed was that often during the investigation of complaints received from residents, the ultimate disposition of the investigation is not forwarded to the individual deemed responsible for resolution of the issue. It was agreed by those present that from June onwards, any investigation would be conducted by a team consisting of a voting member and Julie McGowan, who would immediately after the inspection notify Robert Bowden of their findings, and recommend a course of action; as well as forwarding a short summary of findings as well as any photographs taken, to the Secretary so that a record could be kept.

New Subdivisions and Site Plans

1. PB No. 690- Huddy's- Mr. Raymond Longabardi, representing the applicant, presented site plans for proposed rehabilitation of the former Meridian Academy building on Route 537. Concerns about the location of hedges were raised. Not approved.
2. PB No. 659A- Giuffre- Not approved because of concerns about foundation plantings being too close to buildings.
3. PB No. 696- Saint Mary's Church, Phalanx Road- Few issues with site plan as submitted, however approval cannot be granted before submission of landscape plans to the Shade Tree Commission. Not approved.
4. PB No. 695, DeSay- No objections.

INFRACTIONS & OTHER ITEMS -

1. Appuzo, 7 Clover Hill Road- Mulch volcanoes on street trees still present. Ms. McGowan found address of owner, who will be notified once again of the need to either correct this problem or receive a summons.

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY H. HAMMOND, 2ND B. O'NEILL.

MEETING ADJOURNED 2101.

Respectfully Submitted,

Curtis McKittrick
Secretary
03 June 2011