



Township of Colts Neck, Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

02 October 2014

Meeting called to order at 19:37 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, Gordon Boak, Patricia Eastman, Jen Axelrod, Eileen Stivala,

Absent: Ben O'Neill, Henry Hammond

Staff

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion by J. Axelrod to approve, 2nd by G. Boak to accept minutes of previous meeting.

New Subdivisions and Site Plans

1. PB #ZB929 American Heritage, Huddy's Inn, Bl. 48, Lot 19, Plan Date: 8.27.14, STC Status: Approved as is, with recommendation to wrap tree trunks to pre-empt deer damage.
2. PB #617 Esposito, Bl. 33, Lot 21, Plan Date: 8.7.14, STC Status: Reviewed and Deferred plan to pending, STC to confer with AJ Garito re: plantings and retention basin, diversity of planting
3. PB #715 Shan Tennis Court, Bl. 16, Lot 3.01, Plan Date: 6.9.14, STC Status: Reviewed and Deferred plan with recommendations: court orientation to face North/ South vs. current situation due to sun exposure.
4. PB #714 Tolchin, Bl. 46, Lot 1.27, Plan Date: 5.6.14, STC Status: Denied, refer to planning board to see if it complies with hardscape coverage footprint, then we will make decision
5. PBA #713 73 Mercer Management, Bl. 45, Lots 5.03-5.17, Bl. 44, Lots 12.01-12.02, Plan Date: 4.1.14, STC Status: Need verification and explanation of plans; not prepared to make a decision

Discussion

1. The Street Tree Ordinance has been drafted but needs to be refined for replacement of trees taken down by homeowner. STC waiting to see the revised ordinance to make final recommendations.
2. Resident at 19 Deer Path Lane contacted the Shade Tree Commission and was given permission to take down a dead street tree on the corner of property by J. Nicoletti
3. Town Hall Tree Restoration project update: On Tuesday Sept 9 at 7 AM under the direction of the Shade Tree Commission, invasive vines removed from trees around the Town Hall. P. Eastman and G. Boak cleaned a tree at the 9-11 Memorial site in preparation for the service. Interested volunteers were invited to participate, G. Boak. Another session scheduled for Tuesday Oct. 7 at 7:30 AM.
4. STC formally renewed its endorsement of the Arboretum project (the motion passing unanimously) to seek formal acknowledgement as a Level One Arboretum from Arbnnet.
5. STC also voted unanimously to request to make a presentation to the Colts Neck Township Committeemen to ask for their endorsement of the Arboretum project and the Arbnnet application.

Motion to adjourn

By J. Axelrod, 2nd G.Boak. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 20:28.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anita O'Malley, *Secretary*
2, Oct. 2014