



**Township of Colts Neck, Shade Tree Commission
Meeting Minutes**

7 May 2015

Meeting called to order at 19:37 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, Gordon Boak, Shawn Burke, Jim Nicoletti, Patricia Eastman
Absent: Jen Axelrod, Henry Hammond

Staff

Present: Anita O'Malley, sec'y, Rich Galinski, CN code enforcement officer
Absent: Committeeman Michael Fitzgerald, Township Committee liaison to STC

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion by J. Nicoletti to approve, 2nd by G. Boak, all in favor

Violations

R. Galinski/J. Nicoletti provided update on L. Lucas, 18 Raven Rd, for conservation easement violation. STC reviewed restoration plans for the greenway. Plans as presented were unanimously approved by STC, contingent upon R. Galinski and Shade Tree Commission inspection of the property at time of planting and afterwards to ensure compliance. STC to inspect plantings at intervals afterwards. STC resolution does not have any direct bearing on legal outcome of the case. Summons still stands and court appearance still required. Motion to approve by G. Boak, 2nd by S. Burke, all in favor.

New Subdivisions and Site Plans

1. Applicant: St. Mary's, PB#718, Date: 3/27/15, Bl. 19, Lot 18

Plan Engineer: A.J. Garito, Jr., ajg@tworivereng.com, 732-866-0111 needs to be present at next STC meeting to elaborate on plans

Plan Resolution

- Adequate, with approval granted, with changes (if any) as stated
- XX 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.

2. Applicant: Esposito, PB #716, Date: 4/29/15, Bl. 33, Lot 21

Plan Representative (s) in Attendance: None

Plan Engineer: A.J. Garito, Jr., ajg@tworivereng.com, 732-866-0111 needs to be present at next STC meeting to elaborate on plans

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3. Applicant: Amboy Road Assoc., PB #719, Date: 4/10/15, Bl. 39, Lot 11.01

Plan Representative (s) in Attendance: None

Plan Engineer: A.J. Garito, Jr., ajg@tworivereng.com, 732-866-0111 needs to be present at next STC meeting to elaborate on plans

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Discussion

1. 22 Beaver Dam Rd., leaning tree was inspected as requested by home owner. G. Boak inspected and deemed tree is a threat and may be removed by homeowner. J. Nicoletti, motion to approve, 2nd by G. Boak. Unanimous approval. Letter sent to Elizabeth J. Soltis-Besculides, 22 Beaver Dam Road, Colts Neck
2. Review Commission project/tasks and assign to individual Commission members. E. Stivala will establish key projects and review at June meeting. E. Stivala
3. E. Stivala to review CN Shade Tree Ordinance: obtain from Township Administrator. E. Stivala
4. Arbor Day Date Set. Wed. 5/13, 5 pm at Town Hall. S. Burke to get GS or BS troops to attend to plant trees. G. Boak to work with E. Brock and Triple Brook to deliver a Kousa Dogwood.
5. Arboretum Updates-did map reviews both for library display and walk around map. Next date for Arboretum spring cleanup to be determined. Also G. Boak to have tree tags printed. G. Boak, J. Axelrod
6. Member roster and attendance: no more than 3 absences per year allowed or member will be replaced. Still need alternative member. E. Stivala
7. Arbor Day Contest Update: Essays in by May 15. May 27 Township Meeting Awards for essay winners will be presented. P. Eastman to obtain Toy Box gift certificates for presentation \$25, \$40, \$50.

Motion to adjourn

E. Stivala motion to adjourn, G. Boak, 2nd. Meeting adjourned 21:33.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anita O'Malley, *Secretary*
7, May 2015