



Township of Colts Neck, Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

6 July 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm 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, Jim Nicoletti, Gordon Boak, Mike Viola, Laura Riley, Henry Hammond Anita O'Malley, CN Shade Tree Commission secretary

Absent: Jen Axelrod, Patricia Eastman

Staff

Present: Frank Rizzuto, Township Committee liaison, Tom Lauro, T and M Associates

Absent:

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion by J. Nicoletti to approve, 2nd by H. Hammond, All in Favor, the Minutes of the previous meeting of June, 2017.

New Subdivisions and Site Plans

1. Date: 6/1/17: PB #532B, PB #672, PB #680, BP #692 Bl. 46, Lot 1.52 Trump National GC RE: Plan reviewed but Commission not certain on what is being asked. Need letter of explanation by Two Rivers Engineering.

Plan Resolution

- ___ Adequate, with approval granted, with any changes as stated on landscape architect memo.
- XX** Inadequate, due to insufficient detail in submitted drawings and plan documents, need letter of explanation.
- ___ 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. Date: 6/8/17: PB #724, Bl. 35, Lot 6, Bl. 38, Lot 1 NJ American Water RE: Plan reviewed by Commission and made no recommendations.

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Issues

Julie and Edward Warkne: 5 Fox Hedge Road

Greenway trees taken down by homeowner, Homeowner ordered by judge to work with STC to replace trees. H. Hammond presented estimates to replace 4 trees. It would be the recommendation from the Shade Tree Committee that the resident replaces the trees cut down with two Red Oaks and two Sugar Maples 2 1/2 in caliber planted no later than October 30. The homeowner should acknowledge receipt of this resolution. After they are planted and we are notified of these plantings being completed, a member of the Shade Tree Commission will visit the site and verify these trees were planted. The homeowner can find their own landscaper or we can provide an estimate from a landscaper if needed. STC to send homeowner letter of details. Motion by G. Boak to approve, 2nd by L. Riley. Commission voted unanimously and motion to be presented to the Township Administrator.

Liaison Report

F. Rizzuto discussed Route 34 -Route 537 plans.



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Discussion

1. Emerald Ash Borer Status: Report by S. Chisholm, Aspen Tree Service

- Options for management: Insect comes from China, will kill all ash trees. They have come to Monmouth County. There are trees in Bucks Mill and Heritage Way at the Municipal Center that need to be treated. Aspen presented an estimate to have this done in the Fall that is to be reviewed by the Township Committee.
- Motion by H. Hammond that the approx. 40 trees on Heritage Way be treated by a qualified tree arborist for the Ash Borer to save them, 2nd by E. Stivala. Commission voted unanimously that the estimate and proposal be presented to the Township Administrator. Note: Treatment needs to take place in September to ensure optimal treatment.
- Motion by G. Boak that all (approx. 13) infected Ash trees on Laird Road be removed, 2nd by J. Nicolletti. Commission voted unanimously and motion to be presented to the Township Committee.
- Commission recommends that 1 marked tree at Bucks Mill to be removed. Commission voted unanimously and motion to be presented to the Township Committee.
- STC will make a public announcement via the Colts Neck Journal to all who have Ash trees that they need to act immediately to prevent the insect. Once 1/3 of the tree is damaged, the tree is not salvageable. Residents are encouraged to call an expert certified tree service to inspect their ash trees and plan for early intervention.

Arboretum Plan Status

- Evan Stone to work with G. Boak on Monday 7/10 to update Arboretum map
- Shade Tree Commission recommends that tree stump near the Gazebo and stump on the corner of Heyers Mill and Cedar drive be removed for safety purposes.
- Replacement of removed trees discussed.
- Scheduling next Arboretum cleanup session: Thursday 7/13, 7:30 am, G. Boak

Motion to adjourn

Motion by H. Hammond to adjourn, 2nd by E. Stivala
All in favor. Meeting adjourned 9:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
A. O'Malley, *Secretary*
6, July 2017