



Township of Colts Neck, Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

01 August 2013

Meeting called to order at 1933 hours by Ben O'Neill, 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: Jen Axelrod, Gordon Boak, , Henry Hammond, , Ben O'Neill, Eileen Stivala

Absent: Curtis McKittrick, Jim Nicoletti, Tom Orgo, Committee Liaison

Staff

Present: Anita O'Malley, STC Secretary, Julie McGowan, Landscape Architect

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion by E. Stivala, 2nd by J. Axelrod to accept minutes of previous meeting.

Issues

1. Township ROW violation by Christopher Short, 142 Hillsdale Rd. Bl 6, Lot 16.01. Homeowner cut down 12 large trees on township right of way and needs to present a plan to restore illegally removed trees. STC voted wants to amend the ordinance that includes tree companies in a summons when they participate. Need memo to T. Anfuso from B. O'Neill, co-chair and STC that STC wants the responsible tree company included on all tree violations summons to homeowners. Both parties share joint and separate liability for their actions. Motion proposed by J. Axelrod, 2nd by E. Stivala. All in favor.

New Subdivisions and Site Plans

1. PB #707 Garber, 2 Bluebell Rd. Bl. 29, Lots 9.02 & 10.5, Plan Date: 6.17.13 STC agreed to no vote until next month

Discussion

1. Status: STC reviewed letter from homeowner, Mr. Ayala, 35 Rimwood Lane, asking about fallen trees in the greenway. G. Boak inspected the lot and said there is no residual issue.
2. Status: Mayor to give citations to logo winner + honorable mention at Wed., Sept. 25, 7:30 pm, Township Committee meeting. Press (Transcript, Journal and Calendar will be present) and we are to invite Community Magazine. A. O'Malley to send Beth Kara facts and logo for the citations. A. O'Malley to ask Beth if Boy Scouts can also be honored as Bob Bowden is to create a citation.
3. Status: Colts Neck Arboretum certification. STC needs to inventory trees at Town Hall before signs are ordered. G. Boak. Ongoing.
4. Homeowner claim form and new logo up on STC website.
5. Complaint from 3 Partridge Way that poison ivy from the green acres is spreading to her yard and will kill the homeowner's trees. J. McGowan to contact homeowner to discuss solution.

Motion to adjourn

By, H. Hammond, 2nd E. Stivala. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anita O'Malley, *Secretary*
1, August 2013