

Township of Colts Neck, Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

02 August 2012

Meeting called to order at 1930 hours by Chair James 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: Jennifer Axelrod, Gordon Boak, Henry Hammond, James Nicoletti, Ben O'Neill,

Absent: Curtis McKittrick, Eileen Stivala

Staff Present

Jarrett Engel, Mayor, Township Committee Liaison, Julie McGowan, Landscape Architect, Anita O'Malley, secretary

Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

Discussion

- Mr. Engel recognized Curtis' resignation as secretary of the STC and applauded his efforts.
- Mr. Nicoletti announced installment of Anita O'Malley as secretary of the STC.
- Mr. Engel discussed tree ordinance, which is in long range planning.
- Mr. Engel said he finalized the contract with public works employees, there will be 2 new hires to improve brush collection. He reinforced that public works is doing a better job of paying attention to brush that has been put in the road.
- Ms. McGowan confirmed that MacGregor will have his plan planted by October.
- Ms. McGowan said Philip and Annebrit Hodgins, 68 Glenwood Road, Bl. 1 L.35 has cleared a township greenway and replanted it with arbovitae. A letter will be sent telling him he planted on township property and must be removed, plus submit a restoration plan for what he cut down.
- Ms. McGowan said there are trees on Prothero Rd. that have issues. Some hollow, some by wires. It was discussed possibly having JCP&L take down trees that are near the wires. Mr. Engel says to get Jerry at JCP&L involved to help us as we have a good relationship with him.
- Mr. Nicoletti says he has seen brush out that was placed after the last collection. It is an ordinance and residents should be given a registered letter about breaking it.
- Mr. Boak said there was a lack of clarity about the ordinance, the enforcement element is difficult until the ordinance is passed. Mr. Engel said that the ordinance can't be made until he knows the public works schedule. He needs to get the contracts for each department to be able to tighten up an ordinance. Mr. Boak said that in the meantime anything in the street that is out of bounds has to pick it up or they get a letter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anita O'Malley
Secretary
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-Mr. Nicoletti wants to send a follow-up letter to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Samson, Bl. 33, Lot 2.151 Country Meadow Drive, to request restoration to the 75' Landscape Easement along the Eastern side of their property (Muhlenbrink Rd).

New Subdivisions and Site Plans

None discussed.

Motion to adjourn

by B. O'Neill, 2nd G. Boak. Meeting adjourned 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Secretary
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