

Minutes Colts Neck Shade Tree Commission June 7 2018

Meeting called to order at 8:30 PM at Colts Neck Town Hall by E. Stivala, Chair who read the Open Meeting statement

#### Attendance

Members Present: Stivala, Boak, Hammond, Martin, Nicholetti

Absent: Eastman, M Viola, Twp liaison M Viola, all excused. Ms. O'Malley

Also present: Paul Danielle; AJ Garito of Two Rivers Engineering

Minutes of the previous meeting of May 3 were approved unanimously

#### Old Business

Ms. Stivala reports that the Emerald Ash trees along Heritage Way have been treated per STC recommendations

#### New Business

Mr Danielle reported on the deteriorated state of green ways and his interest in improving the area by replanting to replace dead or damaged trees. The area in question is adjacent to his property and not subject to other uses although there is a walk way further into the greenways which connects to Cedar Drive School. After discussion which revealed that invasive species were not to be used and no ground clearing was involved, STC approved his plan to replant.

Trump National Golf Course plans: Mr. Garito reviewed the original planting schedule from 2008 which was approved vs. the current state of the property which showed variation in the actual plantings carried out. For example, two tennis courts were never built and so those screening trees were never planted. Plantings around the existing tennis courts have been completed. A wet lands area beyond has been allowed to 'go natural'. The current plantings are healthy and thriving, and there are no gaps in the plantings nor have any complaints been received as to the current state of the grounds or plantings at the Golf Course. After discussion STC voted to approved the site as currently planted with 5 approving and 1 abstention.

Information about current rules for managing green ways, blue ways, township properties is in the current township literature but not readily accessible. Ways were discussed to make the information more readily available to property owners especially for example when a property has been newly purchased. Further discussion is planned.

#### Arboretum report

The three replacement trees have been purchased and sites marked for Mr. Bennett as per previous STC recommendations. A work session for the Arboretum is planned for Tues June 19 at 8 AM at Town Hall.

#### Liaison report

Mr. Viola being absent there is no liaison report.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 after a motion by Mr. Hammond and a second by Ms. Riley.

Respectfully submitted, Gordon Boak, acting secretary.