

Minutes
Cots Neck Shade Tree Commission
April 5 2018

The meeting was called to order by Eileen Stivala, chair, at 7:30 PM at Colts Neck Town Hall.

Ms. Stivala read aloud the open meeting statement.

Attendance: present: Stivala, Boak, Hammond, Riley, Martin, Nicoletti, and Township commissioner liaison Mike Viola. Absent: Eastman (excused), O'Malley(excused), Vito Viola

The minutes for March 1 2018 were unanimously approved.

Old Business

Status of the approved Emerald Ash Borer treatment along Heritage way: Mr. Viola will inquire and report back as the treatment is time sensitive.

Landscape plans for Revolutionary Drive were reviewed and unanimously approved after a motion by Mr. Nicoletti and a second by Mr. Hammond.

Landscape plans for Source Brewing were reviewed and unanimously approved after a motion by Mr. Hammond, and a second by Mr. Nicoletti.

Replacement trees for the core site: two responses were received to our request to local landscapers to obtain and plant 2 Londonplane trees and one cucumber tree. Both offers from respected providers were reviewed and the STC opted by unanimous vote to accept the lower cost offer for \$1030 from Pine Tree Landscape Systems , 5 Forest Way, Colts Neck. STC will direct the siting of the trees with the landscaper. Landscaper guarantees the trees to be staked and maintained for 1 year.

Ms. Riley reported on availability of grants available from the Forestry Service. A grant proposal must be submitted. Dr. Martin volunteered to help Ms. Riley prepare the grant proposal. Matching contributions from the Township may be required, but that request will await the completion of the application and the size of an award. Dr. Boak will provide Ms. Riley with the Arboretum management, documentation and certification.

New Business

Arbor Day: NJ Forestry tree seedlings are currently available without charge to elementary school children. 300 bare root seedlings (?Norway Spruce) were ordered by STC and will be picked up at the Jackson Forestry site. CN school superintendent Dr. Mary Jane Garibay has been contacted about the best venue to deliver the trees to the children. Ms. Stivala will also contact Nancy Plumfield, CN elementary school science teacher about this.

Arboretum report

4 STC members surveyed the grounds on March 26. Much winter damage is present. Some trees were marked with yellow caution tape where hanging limbs near the walking path were felt to be a danger to the public. Some vines were removed from the trees.

Ms. O'Malley is completing the remaining tree ID tags for the arboretum.

The next arboretum work session is set for Monday March 30 at 8 am at Town Hall.

Liaison report

Mr. Viola reported that the town budget approval vote is scheduled for April 30. That the astro turf field at Five points road is under construction. That going forward, the town's schools

will be the place where the 50 or so Earle students will receive their elementary education. That township financial reserves are improving due to increased tax revenues.

After appropriate motion, second, and unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Gordon Boak
Acting Secretary