

Colts Neck Shade Tree Commission Monthly Meeting

July 5, 2018

Patti, Eileen, Michael , Henry, Jim Niccolleti and Laura Riley

Absent Gordon and Vito, excused absences

Anita is resigning and we are currently looking for 2nd Alternate member

New business Colts Neck Shade Tree Report? Shade Tree Commission wants that to be entered into record.

Chapter 1

Eileen

Public Notice

Minutes of the last meeting June 5

Eileen motion to approve, 2nd by Martin

Liaison Report

Awarded the contract to Turf vendor for the Park , 5 points Park. Installation will happen over summer

Moved to the 19th

State has a budget, now that tax rates have been determined

1st phase on roadwork.. Drainage issues have delayed on Rt 34

EPA no further discussion about violations -To be discussed at a later date. With the EPA representative..

Colts Neck was given \$5000 by the county as a shared service. \$5000 to given to cut down the trees that are damaged around the pond in the arboretum.

County left it up to us to use as best suited and needed.

The new trees need to be irrigated, we need a plan suggest by M. Viola. One tree is already under stress.

ACTION :Is the contractor responsible, Kathleen has the contract so we have to ask her??

Anita finished up some labels, Gordon will check which ones

Elaine Downow 28 Ridge Rd. Conservation easement she had concerns, vines all over the trees.

Vito thought the township should do it and Martin suggested she should remove the vines not the trees.

May be wild grape, Henry said just cut at base of vines.

Action: Lou Bayder to go over and look at the situation (public works). Follow up in a couple of months and see how that looks. With Melinda or Vito.

Martin, to take down the trees would be a big project and expenses. Question is the tree healthy???
And just a matter of cutting vines.

M Viola suggested to send photos and formalize in report .

Max and Victor, 108 Galloping hill Rd. He called the police asking to cut down 3 trees, Martin checked all easements and no conflicts . The residents did their due diligence.

Eileen suggested that other townships have strong ordinances

M. viola asked to research other townships that have a process in place and bring info back to commission and see what is any makes sense to put in as a process ?????

Action: who will do the research.??

Jim N. feels the contractors could have more responsibility to bring info to customers about our trees ordinances, also the Realtors could be helpful. Contractors and landscapers.

Landscape contractors should be more accountable to put brush out at the same time the town is picking up. If not they have to take the brush away . It cannot be left out on the street.

WE do 3 pickups in the spring and 1 in the fall. Suggested that that may be 1 too many and we can possibly eliminate 1 to save time and money.

How much does a mass mailing cost, 3500 mailboxes, M Viola said it may not be effective. Mentioned the Town website , people should be going there for info.

We talked about education as being part of the requirement of the Committee.

M. Viola was giving strong message about education in the rest of the town.

Motion to adjourn- Eileen and second Henry

Hannah Goldmanu from DEP would be willing to do an educational class for the residents. About the Wetlands.

Colts Neck waterways class 1 supplies water to 300,000 other residents.

Educational packages may be a place to give to residents when they buy a home so they know the process for environmental and shade Tree , Welcome Package

Mike Viola suggested website to get the info and if we have to print out 100 at a time.

Holmdel – call to find out what their process is when informing residents and new homebuyer's. Laura took on that job.

Thank you for letting me do service

Laura e. Riley