

**Township of Colts Neck
Shade Tree Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 2, 2019 - 7:30 P.M.**

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Boak
Ms. Eastman
Ms. Martin
Mr. Nicoletti
Ms. Riley
Mr. Viola, Liaison
Ms. Stivala
Mr. Viola, Alternate 1
Ms. Sherwood, Alternate 2
Ms. Coscia, Secretary

Absent: Mr. Hammond

Ms. Stivala read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

Minutes – April 4, 2019 **Motion** to approve the minutes by Mr. Viola seconded by Mr. Boak. Motion carried by voice vote.

Resident Concerns

1. Nunzio Innucci, 5 Raleigh Pass, *The Grande* – Vito Viola advised that he visited Mr. Innucci to see the property. Mr. Viola believes it is a greenway, and more of a problem for the neighbor. He walked from the property to Hunts Road. He feels that the trees were not in jeopardy, although he does see a problem with vines. Mr. Boak suggested vines be cut to ground level which will help with viability of trees.

Ms. Stivala will contact *The Grande* property manager regarding the neighbor's property which is to the left of the property of Mr. Innucci.

2. Michael Salvo 72 Glenwood Road – Concerns with trees falling from Boundary Road onto his property. Vito Viola said that a tree did go down during the wind storm. Several trees on the property are dead, and had been topped. Mr. Salvo wanted to make sure it

was okay to remove them. Vito suggested Code Enforcement be contacted. He will follow up with Code Enforcement and Mr. Salvo.

Board Business

3. Tree sapling distribution – Distributed in front of town hall to residents on Saturday, April 13th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. – Ms. Stivala stated that the Tree Sapling distribution went well. Many trees were distributed.
4. Memorial/Celebratory Tree Program – Ms. Martin and Ms. Sherwood felt comfortable with taking the program as far as they could, and would like to vote on it going to the Township Committee. A discussion ensued on sites where residents would like to see plantings.

It will go out to bid, and the contractor will be responsible for planting and replacing if the tree dies within the first year.

The Commission members opted to table the vote to a subsequent STC meeting once the document is changed to reflect guaranty/maintenance of the trees.

5. Arboretum Report/Walkabout – Mr. Boak Brush was brought out by several commission members. The next go around scheduled for Tuesday, May 7th at 8:00 a.m.
6. Liaison Report – Mr. Viola, Township Committeeman/STC Liaison
 - ✓ There will not be a COAH meeting on May 8th
 - ✓ There will be a meeting on May 8th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss repurposing of Bucks Mill for temporary Police Department. After 2 to 2.5 years, it would be repurposed back to Recreation.
 - ✓ Met with DEP/Community Affairs and Mayor regarding Land Stewardship and dialogue with Environmental Commission to educate public/solve problems. Education on waterways, Category 1 to Swimming River Reservoir, and Healthy Forest Wildlife Community deer census/deer infestation.
 - ✓ There are water shed ambassadors at DEP who are available for education
 - ✓ Budget was adopted
 - ✓ Paving going on right now from Heritage to Cedar
 - ✓ 290K grant for Bucks Mill
 - ✓ Taxes held flat for one year

Plan Review

7. **Phadke Gallery**, Block 30, Lots 14 and 15 – The properties consist of 1.34 acres in the B-3 Zone. The purpose of this plan is based on an agreement between the two-property owners regarding joint parking and shared access for all of the area of lot 14, and the area

of lot 15 between Route 537 and the proposed office building approximately 130' from Route 537. **Denied – Landscape plan required.**

8. **Merchants Way**, Block 31, Lot 10.01 in the A-3 Agricultural Residential Zone- Application for a minor subdivision and to convert the church into office space. Applicant bifurcated the application and is only applying for a use variance at this time. **No STC action required at this time.**
9. **Druesne Subdivision**, Block 39, Lots 8 and 9 in the A-3 Agricultural Residential Zone - **No STC action required at this time.**
10. **Grooms Subdivision**, 12 and 16 Crusius Place – Proposed two-lot subdivision Block 24, Lots 5 & 7 Revised plans dated 4/26/19 - **No STC action required at this time.**

Other Business

Mr. Viola and Mr. Boak met with Tim Anfuso. Tim is looking for a stamp on plans for review by Shade Tree Commission. If there are changes, stamp plans and notify applicant.

If help is needed with a plan, the applicant would be charged for the plan review.

Tim mentioned that we have a hold harmless letter if a tree needs to be removed. He made a procedural form as a draft that could be utilized.

Adjournment

There being no further business at 9:00 p.m., **motion** made by Vito Viola to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Boak. Motion carried by voice vote.

Minutes approved 6/6/19 (ES/JN)