

**Township of Colts Neck  
Shade Tree Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, October 3, 2019 - 7:30 P.M.**

Open Meeting Statement

Ms. Stivala read the open meeting statement at 7:30 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Present: Ms. Eastman  
Mr. Hammond  
Ms. Martin  
Mr. Nicoletti  
Ms. Sherwood, Alternate 2  
Ms. Stivala, Chairperson  
Mr. Viola, Liaison  
Ms. Coscia, STC Secretary

Absent: Mr. Boak  
Ms. Riley  
Mr. Vito Viola, Alternate 1

Also Present: Ten Hoeve, Laird Road resident

Draft Minutes – September 5, 2019 **Motion** by Ms. Stivala to approve the minutes seconded by Ms. Martin. Motion carried by voice vote.

Resident Concerns – Updates

Mr. Ten Hoeve, Laird and Liberty Knolls was in attendance. He stated he had an arborist give him guidance as to what trees/vines were hazardous and what was not that were located in the drainage easement on his property. He stated that they found poison ivy, vines and dead trees and they were taken down. Mr. Viola stated that a notice of violation was issued, and that Mr. Hoeve should attend municipal court on the date given. The Shade Tree Commission can take no action until this is resolved in municipal court.

11 Raven Road – Dead trees covered with vines - taken down

3 Richmond Court – Dead trees hanging over fence – Issue resolved

4 Ridge Road – Dead trees/vines – removed

14 Moonlight – Trees in a landscape easement (Anthony Sblendorio from Back to Nature to attend November STC meeting). Ms. Martin advised that she would stop by.

Clover Hill Road and Malvern Court – Damaged tree removed

Route 34 –3 Bray Street ~ Certified Mail/Letter sent from STC to property owner regarding two dying trees posing a dangerous situation

Homelands Drive – Letter was sent on 9/13 to homeowners with a copy to A.J. Garito – No response received

### Board Business

1. Tree Removal Procedures - Tabled for the November STC meeting
2. Memorial/Celebratory Tree Program – Update Mr. Viola - George Fessler passed away and his family would like to donate a tree. He believes it would be a good fit for the Arboretum. Suggested adding \$250 non-refundable for maintenance of the tree. He provided the contact information to Ms. Stivala who would contact Mr. Tessler's niece.
3. Arboretum Report – Mr. Boak – tabled until November
4. Liaison Report – Committeeman Viola
  - ✓ Police moving to First Aid – Large trailer to house Police Department until new building is completed
  - ✓ Plans will be shown to public
  - ✓ Affordable housing – public presentation next month. Updates would be on the Township website or calendar.

### Plan Review

411 Route 34 Colts Neck, LLC, Block 32, Lot 10 – Parking Variance  
Plans were reviewed – no Shade Tree Commission comments.

### Adjournment

There being no further business at 8:15 p.m., **motion** by Mr. Hammond, seconded by Ms. Martin to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.

Minutes approved 11/6/19