

Town of Red Hook
Tree Preservation Commission

Minutes: July 21, 2009

Attendance: Nancy Guski (Chairperson), Marcy Appell and Rose Zengen

Absent: Eleanor Friery and Karen Cadorette

Guest: none

Purpose: Regular monthly meeting of the Commission held on the third Tuesday of every month

Call to Order: Chairperson Nancy Guski called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Minutes: Marcy Appell moved to accept the minutes from June 16, 2009th, Rosemarie Zengen second, all agreed.

Discussions:

1. *Great Gatsby*: Chairman Nancy Guski explained about the Friends of the Red Hook Library's grant funded reading program.

2. *Releaf Conference July 16-18th*: Nancy Guski and Brenda Cagle will be going to the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn. The emphasis will be on green design and storm water catchment, Prospect Park and the Botanical Center.

NYSERDA mentioned the "heat island project" regarding green roofs or "meadow in the sky" cooling roofs.

Trees and sidewalks can be made of recycled rubber.

Pests to be concerned about are the emerald ash borer.

3. *Regarding Trees for Tribs*: Hudson Valley News reported 70 trees damaged. Out of the 167 planted, 20-24 were destroyed. Nancy Guski will contact Kevin from DEC for possible replacements.

The possibility of planting Trees for Tribs was field investigated on Rt. 199 East by Fraleigh's. It is privately owned.

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4. Community Tree Program: John Kuhn said it was fine for the Rec Park. Rosemarie Zengen thought trees might be appropriate for the Red Church.

Some discussion focused on Ken Giek's affiliation with the St. Paul's Lutheran burial site as a Board of Director. He thought stones would be better than plaques. The cost would be more.

Rosemarie Zengen motioned to continue the Community Tree Program, Marcy Appell seconded, all agreed.

The group felt a brochure should be worked on in the future.

5. Grants: Nancy Guski will contact Linda Keeling regarding small grant possibilities while we are waiting for the Urban Community Forestry grant to be released by DEC at the end of this year and the additional \$500 would come out of FY2010. Nancy indicated we still have \$300 encumbered from last year and set aside an additional \$200 from this year's budget for grant work. She felt it was important to capture whatever funding possibilities are available to offset the decrease in the town's budgeting. There is a potential to bring in thousands of dollars and equipment through multiple grant applications.

Rosemarie Zengen motioned that the group should continue applying for other grants, Marcy Appell seconded, all agreed.

6. Hardscrabble Day: Marcy inquired about Arbor Day and Hardscrabble Day which is Sept. 26th.

Nancy Guski explained that we would be in the same location, the brick Baright property (the old telephone company building).

We will have a display of wood related arts and crafts. Rosemarie Zengen is coordinating the artist displays; Eleanor Friery will supply her tent and a table. Linda Keeling and/or Colleen Zengen will dress as a tree. Rosemarie Zengen will paint a door to say "Tree Fest". 20% of the artist sales will be donated to the Tree Commission. We hope to run a tree raffle and perhaps get real tree cookies donated by Terry's bakery. We will have a display board and informational hand-outs. More ideas will be discussed later.

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Rosemarie Zengen motioned that the Tree Commission participate in the Tree Fest 2009 during Hardscrabble Day, Marcy Appell seconded, all agreed.

7. Forestry management Plan considerations:

- a. Community Tree Program
- b. Ordinance: Community outreach: Appleblossom and Hardscrabble days.
- c. Planting at the Rec Park
- d. Tree City: growth accomplishment
- e. Create master list of preferred plantings for the Town of Red Hook
- f. Construction sites: encourage saving trees.
- g. Address specimen and historic trees
- h. Tree appreciation thank you cards to donators

8. Watershed Group: Sunday, July 19, 2009, the Stream Alliance of Dutchess County (S.A.N.D.) met at the Rhinebeck Starr Library. The event was under-attended. Activities included: tow-a-boats for families, Cooperative Extension flooding display, bulletin board Trees for Tribs display, rain garden poster, watershed plants, GPS mapping. Winnakee was a sponsor.

9. Fundraisers: The Tree Commission might consider a joint fundraiser at a future St. Margaret's Home picnic.

Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled meeting is September 15, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the town hall.

Concluded: Marcy Appell motioned to end the meeting and Rosemarie Zengen seconded, all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Keeling, TC Secretary