

Town of Red Hook

Tree Preservation Commission

Minutes: September 20, 2011

Attendance: Chairperson Nancy Guski, Rosemarie Zengen, Marcy Appell, Eleanor Friery and Linda Keeling, secretary

Absent: Karen Cadorette, Micki Strawinski, Liaison

Guest: None

Location: Town Hall, Red Hook

Purpose: Regular monthly meeting of the Commission is held on the third Tuesday of every month at the Town Hall.

Call to Order: Chairperson Nancy Guski called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm as a quorum was met.

Minutes: The minutes from August 15, 2011 were reviewed and corrected with some minor revisions and deletions.

MOTION: Eleanor Friery motioned to accept the minutes as corrected and Marcy Appell seconded. All agreed.

Discussions:

1. Correspondence:

Chairperson Nancy Guski noted that Supervisor Sue Crane mentioned that the CAC reviewed the garage plan and Sue suggested they work with the Tree Commission regarding tree plantings.

Nancy received the booklets from Central Hudson for distribution on Hardscrabble Day. They will be updating it in the future.

Nancy reported that her chiropractor, Dr. Jack Soltanoff's family foundation, sent the Tree Commission a check for \$250. This will come in handy for tree replacements as the four Recreation Park trees (crabapple) were mowed down by a truck. The group was very upset and suggested utilizing large stones or large metal stakes to protect the trees in the future.

Nancy presented a detailed four page overview of the budget she had to submit recently and the grant implementation through a project summary. The budget came to \$1035 in line with last year's budget allotment. The DEC Urban Forestry grant comes to \$7,982 with an in-kind match of \$8,127 for a total of \$16,109 to be done over two years and ending in the Spring of 2013.

Nancy will get a notebook for tracking volunteer hours. Some discussion focused on the potential tree planting plan for St. Margaret's Home property including potentially white spruce.

Nancy noted that the Tree Commission will be concentrating on the completion of the Forestry Management Plan. Everyone was fine with the budget categories and estimated expenses. She also noted that the upcoming Tree Dedication ceremonial trees will be planted in the Spring during Arbor Day. DEC is promoting planting larger trees where appropriate like the swamp white oak as it is hardy and majestic.

2. Hardscrabble Day: Nancy had a table assembled with visuals, handouts and items for sale for Saturday's event for members to take home and then bring to the event. She handed in her ticket sales for 21 tickets and included one for a person who could not afford to go. Rosemarie noted that Kelly Flood-Myers bought several tickets also for individuals who couldn't afford a ticket. Linda Keeling sold 10 tickets and Rosemarie Zengen sold about 10 tickets. Others have to turn in their ticket sale. People can purchase tickets the day of the event.

Rosemarie Zengen explained that the Ice Cream Social is scheduled for September 24 from 12-3 pm with speakers at 2 pm and a parade at 4 pm. She and a small committee (Lance Lavender, Linda Keeling, Paul Fredricks, and Sergeant Patrick Hildenbrand) gathered at the site today to work on the set-up organization for the band, tables and roping off. Subway has offered his electricity for the band to use. Rosemarie noted that she had an enlarged poster put on a pole with owner Todd Baright's approval near Holy Cow, other display areas are Paul Fredrick's shop window, Merritt Bookstore's window and other locations around town for the smaller posters which she distributed to the members. Everyone was impressed with the quality of the poster's design and message. Rosemarie showed a mock-up of the thank you placemat which will be in a light pink for the event. Everyone thought the placemats were a good idea and will be helpful in keeping the tables clean. Eleanor Friery will bring her tent for the band as intermittent showers are anticipated for the date. Rosemarie will bring tables, chairs and umbrellas from her business. Linda Keeling will bring two 6 ft. tables and about two dozen trees and vegetables for sale as donations. Dr. Nydia Sturgis will collect ticket money. Rosemarie described the event set up in detail. Ted Saad and Ed Guski, Jr. will help set up. Apples will be donated by Migliorelli's farm. The New Standard Band will donate their musical services.

Some of the auction items are: an all natural 10-12 pound ham from Northwind Farms, a catered four course meal for four people by Sue and Bill Crane, two dishes donated by Paula Schoonmaker, a potted tree plant (tag alder), dinner with Ed Blundell, etc. It was agreed that the auction would be at about 1 pm, then the tree dedication at 2 pm. Nancy read her prepared statement for the day as she cannot be there that day.

Everyone was very appreciative of all the work Rosemarie Zengen has put into making the event a great success.

MOTION: Rosemarie Zengen motioned to spend about \$44 for 200 thank you placemats, Eleanor Friery seconded and all agreed.

Other expenses are for the two large signs at \$20 each, posters and magnetic "Festival Shuttle" signs and the individual posters about \$40. Some of the profits will be put into the Tree

Commission's account. The drivers of the Eastgate Motors antique cars were given courtesy tickets.

Everyone was impressed with the amount of work and quality of the products Rosemarie Zengen has created for this event. All anticipate it to be a successful day. The CAC will also have electronics collected at the Hardscrabble Center. Winty Aldrich, town historian, was also invited.

Adjournment: *Motion: Marcy Appell motioned to adjourn the meeting and Eleanor Friery seconded, all agreed.*

Concluded: The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 18, 2011.**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Keeling, TC Secretary

Approved Oct. 18, 2011