

Town of Red Hook

Tree Preservation Commission

Minutes: August 20, 2013

Attendance: Chairperson Nancy Guski, Karen Cadorette, Marcy Appell, and Linda Keeling, secretary

Absent: Eleanor Friery, Rosemarie Zengen and Brenda Cagle Town Council Liaison

Guest: None

Location: Red Hook Town Hall

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 7:01 pm. There was a quorum. Nancy handed out an agenda.

Minutes: There were no corrections or additions.

MOTION: *Marcy Appell* motioned to accept the minutes for the June 18, 2013 minutes as corrected, *Karen Cadorette* seconded, all agreed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Correspondence:** Board member, Jen Melitski, from the Rec Park Pool is interested in tree plantings. *Chairman Guski* wrote back that our budget for this year is used up but we could do it in the spring. *Linda Keeling* wanted to know if they are interested just in trees or would they consider shrubs as she has a lot of potted shrubs especially silky dogwood which are getting very big.

Eleanor Friery noted for the June minutes she had received a thank you note from Alicia O'Shea and forwarded it to Nancy Guski. Eleanor also noted that Nancy Roberts expressed her appreciation for the thank you note from Nancy Guski regarding Arbor Day.

Marcy Appell asked if deer eat hydrangeas. It was felt they do not.

2. **Conference:** "Rust 2 Green", Syracuse campus dorms; *Brenda Cagle* and *Nancy Guski* attended the Thursday and Friday sessions. Discussions focused on distressed property becoming an "Emerald City" showing great green progressiveness. There was a workshop on storm water runoff and she got a tree list. The networking contacts are very helpful.

3. **Grant Update:** It is complete. The Rec Park Inventory is done, planted trees and the road inventory is done. Debbie Gorka, forester, grant administrative assistant (Buffalo 716-851-7010) stated we have another year to get all the paperwork in. *Chairman Guski* would rather get the paperwork in as soon as possible as all the work is done. Once the paperwork is in then NYS DEC will release the reimbursable funds. The reporting forms are daunting but, as suggested by *Linda Keeling*, she has kept good notes throughout the process. Another grant can then be applied for maintenance.

Linda Keeling asked about planting on Pitcher Lane. *Nancy Guski* said changes were made for the grant. She spoke with Norman Greig and he said to contact Ken Migliorelli. She doesn't want to interfere with the farming operation. *Linda Keeling* noted that the street trees provide a wind break for the crops.

4. **Forestry Management Plan Update** (FMP): She referenced the emailed Introduction and History. There was more general discussion regarding the history as the group was formed from the CAC in 2008 and an ordinance was written. Other discussion included what Rhinebeck and Village Green did for theirs. It was felt that our plan is more complete including a calendar, construction sites, conference meetings, etc. *Linda Keeling* suggested having a workshop. *Nancy Guski* thought that was a good idea. *Chairman Guski* will email a completed written version for the next meeting for the group's final review before presenting it to the town board for their approval.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Budget**: The group reviewed the three pages. It was thought including the justification for the line items was very beneficial. Items included Arbor Day \$175, Tree seedlings and Saplings \$100, Lunch for Volunteers \$100, Postage, stationery and signs \$50, Urban Forestry Conference \$200, Trees \$600, Tree paraphernalia (stake, irrigator bags) \$100 and Arborist Consult \$200 for a total of \$1,525. All agreed the expenditures were in keeping with the group's goals. *Chairman Guski* will present her written budget request to Rose Rider.

2. **Hardscrabble Day, Sat. Sept. 21st**: The group would like to make this a simple presentation located at the old Village Telephone co. building (Baright's Office bldg.) with table displays, hand-outs, tree cookies, potted plants for donations, etc.

The fall planting will include moving the town hall blue spruces. *Karen Cadorette* called Kathy Stewart about borrowing her tree spade and she was enthusiastically willing to lend it out. They will have to take measurements to see if it will do the job. The dogwood at the town hall will need replacement in the spring as it is not doing well. The trees in the Rec Park are doing well, being water regularly, and growing enough to start casting some shade and giving a more mature tree feeling.

Three trees will be planted: 2 on River Road at St. John's Church: 1 *Acer rubrum* "Red Sunset" at \$88 and 1 *Tilia Americana* "Legend" at \$86 and one at the Highway Dept. a *Malus* "Snowdrift" or "Red Jewel", a type of crabapple at \$80 and one commemorative plaque for George Hildenbrand for \$87. The total cost is \$341.

Linda Keeling inquired if a "Proclamation of Recognition" could be given to the family. All agreed it was a good idea. *Nancy Guski* will get something like what Legislator Ben Traudt presents.

Adjournment:

MOTION: *Karen Cadorette* motioned to adjourn the meeting, *Marcy Appell* seconded, all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 17th at 7:00 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Keeling, TC Secretary
Approved September 17, 2013