

Town of Red Hook

Tree Preservation Commission

Minutes: October 17, 2017

Approved Dec. 5, 2017

Attendance: Cathy Michael, George (Hop) Michael, Doug Traudt, Eleanor Friery, Dave Grover, Karen Cadorette, Town Council Liaison Sarah and Eleanor Imboden and Linda Keeling, secretary

Absent: Codie Hay

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: A quorum of 6 out of 7 was present. *Chairman Cathy Michael* called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm. She handed out an agenda.

Quote of the month: “He that plants trees loves others besides himself.”

Minutes: The following minor corrections were noted:

Page 1: Add in “a walk” to the saying.

Page 2: Item #3. Change the wording after board to “ultimately decided on the large 4 inch trees rather than the 2 ¼ inch trees.” Eliminate “problem is the”

Item #5: Add in “Louis” before Ruge.

Item #6: change “was” to “were”

Motion: *Dave Grover* motioned to accept the September 2017 minutes as amended, *Doug Traudt* seconded, all agreed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Pitcher Lane: *Hop Michael* met with Ken Migliorelli and they walked the project. There will be 4 trees budgeted, on the west end of Pitcher Lane north side. The holes were measured and staked outside the right-of-way at 22 ft. from the center of the road or 14 ft. from the edge of the pavement. The proposed trees will be set back about 4 ft. from the existing tree line. Hop mowed the area. The tree selection will be 4 *Quercus bicolor* white oak trees that get to be 60 ft. tall with 40 ft. spacing. Ken Migliorelli agreed to help clean up the junk trees, cedar and ailanthus. The stump will be painted with Roundup as it is the quickest way to eradicate root re-growth.

2. Fall Tree Order: *Chairman Cathy Michael* will work on this for the spring.

3. Budget Balance: *Chairman Cathy Michael* reported there is \$912.62 left in the line item budget as of Sept. 20th. The Pitcher Lane trees will cost about \$500. *Linda Keeling* checked on the donations which is \$1,374.41 after the \$25 from tomato sales in front of her house during two weekends. *Eleanor Friery*

reported she ordered the books for our Arbor Day contest which comes to about \$271 for about 22 books. Eleanor Friery had gotten a call from Michael Johnson about having the 5th graders participate in a poster contest in December but when she conferred with the principal in the past there was not enough time or interest to do it.

4. Herbicide Use by DOT: *Hop Michael* didn't have an update. *Dave Grover* wanted to know if a tree will be ordered and planted for the Rec Park. The tree that we wanted was not available. No decision was made at this point.

5. Fall Planting Details: Mulch will be needed for the Pitcher Lane oak trees and Devereaux area trees. That too will come out of our budget. The fringe trees are looking okay.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Purchases: *Chairman Cathy Michael* will buy bulbs, bone meal and Milorganite which can be covered by the donation money.

B. Rotary Nomination: Dowden wrote a letter to *Eleanor Friery* to inform the group that our submission of Nancy Guski was refused by her and in her stead Brenda Cagle won for the Citizen of the Year Award. Some members will attend the dinner celebration.

C. Rotary Interact: Barry Called *Chairman Cathy Michael* about doing some sort of joint Rotary tree planting. They are interested and can afford about \$500 for 4 trees for their high school Interact student involvement. *Hop Michael* will make a presentation to the Interact Students regarding having them help dig in the future.

D. Signage: *Linda Keeling* suggested we purchase several signs to place by trees planted by the Commission. Everyone thought it was a good idea as the Village Green does this already. It gives additional exposure to our planting efforts. *Chairman Cathy Michael* will use her judgement as to what the sign will look like. It will say something like: "Planted by Town of Red Hook Tree Commission" perhaps red background with black letters.

Adjournment:

Motion: *Dave Grover* motioned to adjourn the meeting, *Karen Cadorette* seconded and all agreed. The meeting ended at 7:50 pm.

Next Meeting: There was a discussion about changing the next meeting date as Thanksgiving is two days from our regularly scheduled meeting time. Everyone agreed to change the date as there are not any critical decisions to be made.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is **Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 7:00 pm** at the town hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Keeling, TC Secretary