

Town of Red Hook
Tree Preservation Commission
Minutes: February 20, 2018
Approved 3/26/18

Attendance: Cathy Michael, George (Hop) Michael, Doug Traudt, Dave Grover, Codie Hay and Linda Keeling, secretary

Absent: Eleanor Friery, Karen Cadorette and Town Council Liaison Sarah Imboden

Guest: None

Location: Red Hook Town Hall

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

Call to Order: A quorum was present (5out of 7). *Chairman Cathy Michael* called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Quote of the month: “This oak tree and me, we’re made of the same stuff.” by Carl Sagan

The Chairman handed out an agenda:

1. Red Church Project: tree pruning
2. Pitcher Lane: re-tied 2 of new trees
3. Tree City Luncheon: Thursday, March 29, 2018

New Business

1. Date of the next meeting
2. Tree order for Pitcher Lane
3. Date of Arbor Day Celebration

Minutes: The following minor corrections were noted:

1. Add to Quote of the Month: “Egyptian tomb inscription, circa 1400 B.C.”
2. Agenda #5; Eliminate “Hook”, change to “Church”
3. Page 2 #4: Expenditures line 4, change “ordered” to “hired”.
4. Page 2 #5 L6: change “Rec Park” to “Town of Red Hook”

Motion: *Dave Grover* motioned to accept the January 23, 2018 minutes as amended, *Doug Traudt* seconded, all agreed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Red Church Project: *Hop Michael* reported there are about 20 crabapples along the fence which he trimmed. A grave collapsed and he removed an angled crabapple that was not thriving. There were a couple of multiple trunks below graft with huge shoots. He trimmed with varying the heights. He feels they look better and will do well with time. Hop called John Kuhn about brush removal. There was a sumac on the north border with stones. A place to burn the brush has already been established. He will clip out the mulberry sometime. The Town will do the future mowing.

2. Pitcher Lane: *Hop Michael* retied two trees with heavier baling twine. The *Ailanthus* will be excavated out soon with the help of *Dave Grover, Codie Hay and Doug Traudt*.

3. Tree City Luncheon, March 29th: George Profus and Sallie Kellogg emailed back Chairman *Cathy Michael* to say there are no specific details as of yet but 5 members will be attending: *Codie Hay (possibly), Dave Grover, Hop Michael, Cathy Michael and Linda Keeling*. This will count towards our volunteer time sheet.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Next Meeting Date: *Chairman Cathy Michael* needs to change the date of our meeting this month. She will confirm the date with the town clerk for tentatively Tuesday, March 27th.

2. Tree Order Pitcher Lane: *Chairman Cathy Michael* informed the group that a tree order will be submitted for 13 trees. One of the arborvitae will be changed to a white oak.

3. Arbor Day Date: We will be celebrating Arbor Day on Saturday, April 28th at town hall. We will need a signed Proclamation from Supervisor McKeon. The Betty Mae Van Parys tree will be dedicated. The plaque will be ordered. 8 Tree Commission trees (sugar maples, red maples and maybe red oak) will be planted along with the 5 Rotary trees with their help. Either Michele Decker and/or *Doug Traudt* will dig the holes with their personal machines. *Linda Keeling* asked if the management Plan was consulted to see if we are fulfilling the suggested plan for plantings especially for Pitcher Lane.

4. Seedling Order: *Linda Keeling* reported that Bookkeeper Ann Conway faxed the order in for the 100 tree seedlings.

5. Outreach: *Linda Keeling* will be making a presentation about the Tree Commission's work efforts on Thursday, March 8th to the Old Dutch Village Garden Club's monthly meeting at St. John's Church.

6. Correcting the Minutes Ahead of the Next meeting: *Dave Grover* suggested the group look at the minutes and email corrections before the next meeting. It didn't matter to the secretary. They will try it for the next meeting.

7. The Red Church Property: It is in the town not Tivoli so it is up to us to plant and care for the trees. The newly establish Tivoli Tree Committee might like to donate trees and that is fine. *Hop Michael* noted there are large arborvitae and he would like to see a bigger specimen planted like an oak. *Linda Keeling* asked if there was an aerial view of the Red Church. *Chairman Cathy Michael* received a packet of materials from John Kuhn. She pulled out a map and Hop pointed out the specimens discussed. The St. Sylvia's portion of the cemetery will still be taken care by them. Linda suggested meeting with that group to introduce ourselves to them. There was general agreement to do that.

8. Volunteer Hours Sheet: *Chairman Cathy Michael* made copies and distributed the sheets to the members. Hop Michael has already about 17 hours.

Adjournment: **Motion:** *Hop Michael* motioned to adjourn the meeting, *Doug Traudt* seconded and all agreed. The meeting ended at 7:47 pm.

Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting is confirmed for **Monday, March 26, 2018 at 7:00 pm** at the town hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Keeling, TC Secretary