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Town of Red Hook

Tree Preservation Commission

Minutes for February 18, 2020

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

Absent: Karen Cadorette, Eleanor Friery, and Town Council Liaison Jacob Testa

Guest: None

Location: Red Hook Town Hall

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

Call to Order: There was a quorum (5 out of 7). *Chairman Cathy Michael* called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. The Chairman handed out an agenda.

Quote of the month: **“There are more life forms in a handful of forest soil than there are people on the planet.”**

Minutes: January 21, 2020 Corrections / Additions

1. **P1, #1, L4:** add “for brush pick-up” and L7 add in “extra” after few and after passes add “to keep it neater near the trees”.

Motion: *Cathy Michael* motioned to accept the minutes from February as corrected, *Hop Michael* seconded, all agreed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Rockefeller Lane Brush Pile: *Hop Michael* called Van Lamprou to find out if he wants the brush chipped or burned. The brush will be managed next month. *Codie Hay* volunteered to chip the branches next month. Some lengths of wood will be used to make tree cookies.

2. Stump Removal Pitcher Lane: *Codie Hay* reported that the stump has been ground down. *Chairman Cathy Michael* and *Hop Michael* reported that 6 trees will be ordered. White flag markers were set out marking the new planting sites on the north side of Pitcher Lane. *Codie Hay* will be attending a seminar on structure pruning. *Hop* said the bicolor trees are doing better.

3. Tree Order: *Chairman Cathy Michael* said many of the trees were sold out. She will order 3 acer maples plus 3 autumn fest or autumn blaze plus 1 accolade for a total of 7 for about \$700. It was felt we should purchase green gator bags or borrow them from the Village.

4. Tree City Luncheon, Thurs. March 19th: *Chairman Cathy Michael* said her application was fine. Only two persons can go. *Codie Hay* will see if he can go. There was some general discussion about white pine bark yellowing and needle cast and the pine bark beetle, oak wilt pruning and painting the cut and Red oak wilt trees are expensive to trench and take down.

5. Tree “cookies”: *Hop Michael* and *Doug Traudt* will do the cutting of the branches.

6. Round-Up Update: *Chairman Cathy Michael* sent the information to our liaison *Jacob Testa* so he can share the information with the Conservation Advisory Commission for which he is also their liaison. *Dave Grover* wanted to know if DOT sprays yearly. *Linda Keeling* again referred our questions to the Dutchess County Environmental Management Council (EMC) in Millbrook’s Home and Farm Center.

7. Arbor Day Celebration, Sat. April 25th: *Chairman Cathy Michael* will ask Dawn from the Library if they want to join us again. *Codie Hay* will bring his turn out gear again. *Linda Keeling* will pick up the seedlings in Millbrook on Friday, April 24th and prepare them for the next day. The order is less than last year and she doesn’t know how many potted trees survived the winter.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Video during Luncheon: *Linda* thought it might be nice to show the tree video on the big screen during the luncheon at the town hall. She will ask to see if this can be done.

2. Luncheon Responsibility Schedule: *Chairman Cathy Michael* talked with *Village Green* and we will do the spring and they will do the fall.

3. Memorial Tree: *Linda Keeling* suggested we think about a possible Memorial tree designation.

Motion: *Codie Hay* motioned to adjourn the meeting, *Dave Grover* seconded and all agreed.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm

Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting is **Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 7:00 pm.** This is a change from the regular time slot.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Keeling, TC Secretary