

Town of Red Hook
Tree Preservation Commission
Minutes for April 23, 2019
APPROVED 5/21/19

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

Absent: Town Council Liaison Sarah Imboden

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 (7 out of 7), 100%. *Chairman Cathy Michael* called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. The Chairman handed out an agenda.

Quote of the month: **“Those who dwell among the beauties and mysteries of the Earth are never alone or weary of life.” By Rachel Carson**

Minutes: Corrections / Additions

1. Page 1: Old Business, #1, L 2: drop the “s” on contains
2. Page 2: Ph 1, L 2: Add “entries” after contest
3. Page 2: Ph 2, L 3: remove “starting the week of” to “on”
4. Page 2: #5, L4: add “nearly” to \$1,000

Motion: *Codie Hay* motioned to accept the minutes from March as corrected and *Karen Cadorette* seconded, all agreed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Tree City Follow-up (13 year stickers): *Chairman Cathy Michael* received, through the mail, the box of Arbor Day related items that is given out annually to Tree City members.

2. Website: Article Submitted: *Chairman Cathy Michael* had the letters from the Arbor Day Foundation posted on our website page. We were named a Tree City again. *Linda Keeling* handed over a sheet of what she had previously sent Cathy about upgrades for the website page.

3. Arbor Day (tree delivery, poster contest, planting time, proclamation, library, seedlings, and luncheon): The trees were delivered this morning. *Hop Michael* and *Kathy Pearson* (Village Green) helped unload them. St. John’s tree was planted. *Dave Grover* ordered three, 5 left for the Pitcher Lane project. *Codie Hay* will bring his tree climbing gear and demonstrate tree trimming on a cherry tree in front of town hall. The town board and/or *Theresa Burke* will be contacted for permission to do this. *Doug Traudt* will bring several species of wood to identify.

Eleanor Friery reported the poster contest judging and luncheon was at her house for K-5 with over 400 posters. In attendance were *Cathy Michael*, *Linda Keeling*, *Nancy Guski* and hostess *Eleanor Friery*. Eleanor will display them at town hall for two weeks then return them to the children. Holes were dug at the school. Although some trees were knocked over from trimming, most are doing well on the Nature Trail at Mill Rd. Elementary School. *Nancy Guski* helped with the poster judging, bookmarks, classes, tree cookies and raffle basket. Eleanor suggests everyone read: The Hidden Life of Trees.

She needs a few more books for the contest due to tied winning submissions.

Motion: *Codie Hay* motioned to allow *Eleanor Friery* buy more books with a budgeted amount not to exceed \$75, *Doug Traudt* seconded, all agreed.

Chairman Cathy Michael noted Supervisor McKeon will read the Proclamation at about 10:00 am and say a few words. The Library will not be setting up with us this year due to their busy schedule. The planting will be at 10:30 am. Thanks again to *Michele Decker* for digging the holes on Friday morning. *Hop Michael* had contacted Dig Safe ahead of the digging and received 5 authorization tickets. *Linda Keeling* will pick up the seedlings in Millbrook on Friday, 4/26 and prepare them for Arbor Day on Sat. 4/27. Everyone should show up at 9:00 am to set up the tent and tables. *Dave Grover* will bring the "feely boxes" and *Eleanor Friery* will bring the leaf match game. Some of the new booklets will be distributed and some coloring pages will be available.

We will do the luncheon this year and *Brent Kovalchik* from Village Green will do the fall planting luncheon. We will have pizza, water, veggies and desserts. There will be about 20 people.

Hop Michael will contact *Ken Migliorelli* about cutting the ailanthus trees. Hop will also discuss with Ken about plowing so close to the mulched trees.

Linda Keeling mentioned the grass is getting very high around the trees. She asked who will take care of it. Hop indicated he probably will do it.

4. Rotary Club Volunteers: About 4-5 Rotary members will help plant trees.

NEW BUSINESS

1. *Linda Keeling* reported one sign on Pitcher Lane is missing. There is just one remaining on the south side of the road. *Cathy* will order a few more signs since we will be planting in Rec Park west in the future.

2. Daffodils doing well on Rt. 9 North.

3. *Hop Michael* has concerns about the fringe trees.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Motion: *Karen Cadorette* motioned to adjourn the meeting, *Doug Traudt* seconded and all agreed.

Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting is suggested for **Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 7:00 pm** at the town hall. This is a change in our normally scheduled meeting date. *Chairman Cathy Michael* will confirm the new date with the town office.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Keeling, TC Secretary