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Town of Red Hook
Tree Preservation Commission
Minutes for January 17, 2023
APPROVED 2/21/23

I. Attendance: *Chairman Cathy Michael, George (Hop) Michael, Doug Traudt, Codie Hay, Dave Grover, Liaison Jacob Testa and Secretary Linda Keeling*

Absent: *Karen Cadorette and Alisha Riepma*

Guests: none

II. Call to Order: There were 5 out of 7 members in attendance for a quorum.

Chairman Cathy Michael called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm and handed out an agenda.

Quote of the Month: “Acts of creation are ordinarily reserved for gods and poets. To plant a pine, one need only a shovel” by Aldo Leopold

There was no meeting in December of 2022.

III. Minutes of 11/15/22 Corrections: There were a few corrections on the last page.

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2. P. 3, Ph. 1, L 1: remove “and” put Ailanthus in parenthesis.

3. P.3, Ph. 1, L 1: remove “escape” put in “are easier to step on”. Remove “It is better to look at them from the side”. Add “If you approach from the back they are more evasive.

4. P.3, Ph. 2, L 3: space needed between attract and these.

MOTION: *Hop Michael* motioned to approve the Minutes with the corrections from November 15, 2022 and *Codie Hay* seconded, all approved.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. **Tree Removal on Pitcher Lane (Codie)**: He did not do it. Hop will call Ken Migliorelli about the stump through email. The oaks will be pruned by *Doug Traudt, Codie Hay* and *Hop Michael*, 9:30 am Saturday.

B. **Webpage Update**: *Chairman Cathy Michael* reported the town's website has been updated with current information, pictures, tree list and press release.

C. **Tree City Recertification Application**: *Chairman Cathy Michael* completed the tedious submission and sent it in.

D. **Sign**: The Chairman said we need a post. There is still the issue of installing it. Hop will contact the local substation.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. **Spring Tree Order**: Due to the extra delivery charge of \$500, we all agreed to order one time per year from Schichtel's in the fall and then buy from a local nursery as needed in the spring.

B. **Tree Planting Sites**: The Tree Commission will plant at Rec Park West, Rockefeller Lane, and Budds Corners to Linden Ave Extension. We want to plant a white oak behind the dogwood, magnolias and a couple of shag bark hickory will be ordered for the fall at Rec Park West.

C. **Arbor Day Celebration Plans for April 28th**: Our Arbor Day Celebration will be on Saturday, April 29th, 2023 from 10-2, at town hall.

So far the activities will include: a beekeeper display and talk (*Cathy Michael*), Bluebird houses for donation (*Hop Michael*), children's games (*Dave Grover*), Pollinator Seed Balls, D.C Recycling, raffle (*Linda Keeling*), and Poster Contest (*Eleanor Friery*).

Tree seedlings will be ordered, picked up and prepared for distribution by *Linda Keeling*

The annual luncheon will include: pizza, salad and wraps. (*Cathy Michael* and *Linda Keeling*)

We were shown the Adirondack Explorer article by *Cathy Michael* entitled "Pests of the Woods Beech Diseases" with some discussion following.

D. 2023 Budget: *Chairman Cathy Michael* announced that the tentative budget is \$2,000 less this year for \$6,000. Everyone was disappointed as it will impact what can be done this year with planting, trimming, removals and educational outreach.

VI. Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Motion: *Hop Michael* motioned to adjourn the meeting, *Dave Grover* seconded, all agreed.

VII. Next Meeting: The next regular meeting will be **Tuesday, February 21, 2023** at the town hall at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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