

Town of Red Hook
Tree Preservation Commission
Minutes for September 20, 2022
APPROVED 10/18/22

I. Attendance: *Chairman Cathy Michael, George (Hop) Michael, Doug Traudt, Karen Cadorette, Dave Grover, Alisha Riepma, and Secretary Linda Keeling*

Absent: *Codie Hay and Liaison Jacob Testa*

Guests: none

II. Call to Order: There were 6 out of 7 members in attendance for a quorum.

Chairman Cathy Michael called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and handed out an agenda.

Quote of the Month: "In wilderness is the preservation of the world." By Henry David Thoreau

III. Minutes of 8/16/22 Corrections:

- a. P1, 3b: change 4 years to 5 years.
- b. P1, 3d: change the spelling of George's last name to "Profous".
- c. P2, 3e: L2, S2: Change "County" to "NYS"
- d. P2, 3f: eliminate the last sentence
- e. P3, 3k: S1: eliminate "way"
- f. P3, 4a: L2: eliminate "to still"

MOTION: *Hop Michael* motioned to approve the Minutes from August 16, 2022 as corrected and *Karen Cadorette* seconded, all approved.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Tree City Sign Drama Update: The old sign still has not been located. Realizing that the Village Green might have an old sign saved, she contacted Dave Pearson who offered one from his backyard collection.

By using an old sign, *Chairman Cathy Michael*, saved us about \$65 for a new sign. Theresa Burke was contacted about the location and method for erecting the post. She wanted to know if we had to get permission and a permit from NYSDOT. *Karen Cadorette* and *Linda Keeling* didn't recall getting a permit in the past. We just erected it. The post stub has not been located so a new post is needed. *Dave Grover* and *Hop Michael* will finalize this process.

B. Tree Inventory (Karen Cadorette): *Karen Cadorette* said she sent the data collection of the past to the group previously. That used an old computer data collection system, I-tree which since has been updated and made complicated. She made about 4 or 5 calls to tree persons regarding assisting and any information they might have on new computer program possibility. *Karen Cadorette* also talked with Brenda Cagle and found out that Brenda is not doing these surveys any more. The Cornell students of the past are not doing this project anymore, also. We will need to hire an arborist. The new program is difficult to learn and implement. The group thought Codie Hay could assist us in identifying tree specimens and we could start data collection with Pitcher Lane and just use the same model as was used in the past so we can get started. It was also discussed to do Rec Park West as we have worked on this. *Chairman Cathy Michael* thanked Karen for all her hard work.

C. Mill Road School Update: *Chairman Cathy Michael* reported there is no update as Scott was not available. While *Hop Michael* was watering trees, by chance Hop encountered Scott in August and asked him about the status of our proposed planting project. He was non-committal so *Chairman Cathy Michael* is tabling this project until the spring.

D. Tree Order for Fall Planting: *Chairman Cathy Michael* placed an order with Schichtel's Nursery for 16 trees at a cost for \$2,266. One reimbursable sycamore tree is for the St. John's Church cemetery. Last year we planted around Nov. 5th with Dave Pearson's combined order and shared freight charge. According to Jim Kisker, each municipality will be charged a delivery charge because it is difficult finding drivers due to the Covid 19 disruption. The nursery is located near Fredonia about 6 hours away.

Hop Michael suggested we do bare root only once per year and do local potted trees for a second planting. We did that in the spring with Augustine Nursery and it turned out well overall.

Hop Michael presented a map of Rec Park West indicating trees planted and to be planted.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Fall Planting Details (early November???):

1. The Rec Park Commission gave permission to plant in the field.
2. Michele Decker will be contacted about digging the holes.
3. Hop Michael will contact “Dig Safe”.
4. *Chairman Cathy Michael* placed the order on 8/22/22 for the following:

3 Aesculus X. ‘Autumn Splendor’,	1.50 in.	\$140 ea.	\$420
3 Celtis Occidentalis,	1.75 in.	\$125 ea.	\$375
3 Crataegus V. ‘Winter King’.	1.75 in.	\$117 ea.	\$351
1 Metasequoia Glyptostroboides	1.50 in.	\$103 ea.	\$103
1 Platanus Occidentalis	1.50 in.	\$104 ea.	\$104
3 Tilia Cordata ‘Greenspire’	1.50 in.	\$103 ea.	\$309
1 Zelkova S. ‘Green Vase’	1.50 in.	\$104 ea.	\$104
1 Delivery charge			\$500

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

Motion: *Karen Cadorette motioned to adjourn the meeting, Hop Michael seconded, all agreed.*

VII. Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 18th at 7 pm, town hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Keeling, TC Secretary