



**Environmental/Shade Tree Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 8, 2015
6:30 p.m.**

25 Neptune Blvd. 2nd Floor Conference Room, Neptune, NJ 07753

ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting called to order by Mindi Arcoleo at 6:30 pm, the notice of compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act and indicated that appropriate notice was forwarded to the officially designated newspaper Asbury Park Press and the New Coaster, filing a copy of the notice with the Municipal Clerk, and posting a copy of the notice on the board in the Municipal Complex, and the Township website www.neptunetownship.org.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Richard Ambrosio, Mindi Arcoleo, Stacey Draper, Joseph Halifko, III, Peter Longo, Julie Soleil, and Denise Summer

Absent: Maryann Boyne and Beth Miller

Also Present: Michael Celli, ESQ, Attorney

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Richard Ambrasio to approved the March 2015 Meeting minutes, the motion was seconded by Beth Draper and passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PLANS/APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW:

- **ZBA 15/05 for Block 3206 Lot 11 also known as 39 Country Club Drive**
Bulk Variance for 6' fence on Corner Property
Suggestions/Comments:
1) The Commission does not object to the proposed bulk variance.
- **ZBA 15/03 for Block 421 Lot 1 also known as 700 Aktins Avenue**
Amended Conditional Use Application
Suggestions/Comments:
1) The Commission does not object to the proposed use variance.
- **PB 15/01 for Block 909 Lot 7 also known as 2100 West Lake Avenue**
Minor Subdivision
Suggestions/Comments:
1) Although the Commission does not object to the minor subdivision, the Commission does request a copy of the tree report. If the Applicant is not required to submit a tree report, the Commission ask the Applicant attempts to preserve as many trees as possible.
- **ZBA 13-14 for Block 4001 Lots 1,2,3, & 8 also known as Hovchild Boulevard (Victoria Gardens)**
Minor Subdivision
Suggestions/Comments:
1) The Commission strongly urges the Township of Neptune to re-zone this area as Open Space;
2) However, in the event the property is re-zoned as Residential, the Commission encourages the Board to require the applicant to consider off-site drainage structures to improve the well known erosion and draining issues.
3) The Impact Statement submitted fails to assess to capacity of adjacent parcels for displaced wildlife.



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DISCUSSIONS/PRESENTATION:

A discussion was held in reference to Arbor Day and the planned activities. The Commission plans to replace trees that are damaged or dead, plant additional trees and install one new bench that were donated. Signage for the trees will be installed at a later time. The Commission will distribute free tree seedlings.

A discussion was held in reference to anti-fracking resolutions. The Commission will consider hosting an event for the neighboring Environmental/Shade Tree Commissions where the Food and Water Watch Group could present information on the topic.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mindi Arcoleo to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm, the motion was seconded by Stacey Draper. All members in favor.