

*****DRAFT*** BHVA
Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, Feb 22, 2010**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dick Scott, Dave Allen, Mary Murphy, Don Titus, Barb Hunt

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rob Silva

GUESTS: John Hauck, John Constance, Tim Harrington, Chris Luley

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Dick Scott, and guests were welcomed.

Dick Scott asked for a motion to accept the meeting notes from January EC meeting. Don Titus made a motion and Barb Hunt seconded that motion. The January 25, 2010 EC minutes were unanimously approved by all members present.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. John Hauck submitted an application (10-02) to make an modifications to his driveway. He asked if the committee had any questions before the application was formally reviewed. He answered all questions and described the project in considerable detail.
2. Fresh tree removal and logging was observed on lower Spyglass and discussed. It appears that a resident on lower spyglass without EC authorization has cut down a large number of significantly sized trees between his back yard and Seneca Point Road. This apparent violation will be brought to the attention of Kendrick Corporation for further investigation. Research will be done to determine if any DEC, State, County or other regulatory laws have been violated. A cease and desist letter will be sent from the BHVA board if it is determined that this action did indeed occur with out any oversight from the BHVA board.
3. The Committee was introduced to Chris Luley PhD. Chris is VP –Pathologist of Urban Forestry. He deals with Consulting, Diagnostics, Treatments, Research Education and Training on issues involving vegetation. He can be contacted at 6050 Hicks Road, Naples, NY 14512, 585 394-9460. Chris confirmed that the EC approach to researching and developing a master plan for the environment, tree maintenance, and erosion control is a good idea. It is important for us to deal with trees that are “at risk” because we are responsible if a falling tree causes harm or damage. The EC committee is investigating having a plan/ specifications for tree maintenance conducted, and then have students from FLCC carry out the work effort as part of a class project. Dick asked if there was grant money available for something like this. Chris said he would look into it but he things it is a long shot. In Chris’ observations of our property he didn’t observe a large amount of at risk trees. Of larger concern are the number of ash trees on BHVA property, which will all be lost in the not too distant future due to a rapidly spreading disease throughout NYS. We need a replanting plan for trees that are a desirable species and native to the area. Chris also suggested that we plan to manage the white pine and scotch pines on the property. The beauty of BHVA properties will be diminished as these trees undergo transition over time. The planting red oaks was suggested as one alternative species. Chris will give potential costs to Dick. Don Titus suggested we investigate implementing a plan for Cliffside and then evaluate for roll out to the rest of the community if warranted. Committee members

suggested that planning is needed for BHVA and that we should work on development of a master plan to environmental landscaping and vegetation maintenance.

4. Dick Scott introduced Tim Harrington as a candidate for membership in the Environmental committee. Tim formally introduced himself and discussed his background as a retired marketing and sales person with a history of service. He is enthusiastic about serving the community and feels he would bring a lot of good ideas and pragmatism to the EC committee.

Dick thanked the guests for coming and dismissed them.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The committee engaged in discussion over the letters submitted to the committee by the Summers and the Kislinger's regarding use of Golf Course property and trimming of foliage. Don Titus will draft a concept solution for dissemination and discussion at the next meeting.

APPLICATIONS:

10-02: 30 Andrews Way – John Hauck. Driveway modifications. Approved – Contingent upon receipt of approval from the Andrews Way Homeowners Association along with the use of an approved, insured contractor.

10-03: 30 Golfside Circle – BHVA request for new street signs design by Kendrick staff. Not approved. The committee did not believe that the new street signs were attractive when compared to the current ones. They would like to retain the carved and gold painted lettering that exists today.

10-04: 30 Golfside Circle-BHVA request for fallen tree removal on SBR property. Not approved. Committee requests that SBR submit the request and that an SBR employee or an approved insured contractor should be utilized.

Next meeting dates:

Monday, March 15, 2010, 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm