

**Tree Commission Meeting  
Village of Baxter Estates  
May 31, 2024  
12:00 PM**

**Meeting Minutes**

Present: Josh Speisman, Chairman  
Michael Malloy, Commissioner  
David Abrams, Deputy Commissioner  
Meghan Kelly, Village Clerk-Treasurer

Absent: Pedro Avila, Commissioner

Commissioner Speisman called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM, hosted and noted the attendance of Commissioner Malloy and Commissioner Abrams.

**1. Approval of May 6, 2024, Tree Commission Meeting Minutes**

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Speisman, seconded by Commissioner Malloy, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2024, meeting.

**2. Application of Joseph Kashinsky, Owner of 12 Hillside Avenue.**

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Abrams, seconded by Commissioner Speisman, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to grant permission for removal of three (3) trees, as identified in the Application of Joseph Kashinsky, owner of 12 Hillside Avenue, Port Washington, NY 11050, conditioned upon payment of \$75.00 in permit fees, and depositing \$750.00 into the Village Tree Relief Fund. Let it be further,

**RESOLVED** that there is a mandated replant of one (1) replacement tree, which must be a minimum of 8 feet at planting and must reach a maximum maturity height of no less than 40 feet. The replant's species is at the discretion of the applicant; however it must be consistent with the Preferred Species List, or the applicant must obtain written approval from the Commission prior to planting. The first tree relief fund deposit of \$250.00 can be refunded conditioned upon the completion of the mandated replanting in a timely manner and in accordance with all other provisions listed in Chapter 161 of the Village of Baxter Estates Code.

The second and third tree relief fund deposit of \$500.00 can be refunded conditioned upon replanting two (2) replacement trees, which must be a minimum of 8 feet at planting and must reach a maximum maturity height of no less than 40 feet, in accordance with all other provisions listed in Chapter 161 of the Village of Baxter Estates Code.

**3. Application of Karen Halby and Fernando Espinosa, Owners of 13 Hilltop Road.**

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Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Abrams, seconded by Commissioner Speisman, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to grant permission for removal of two (2) trees, as identified in the Application of Karen Halby and Fernando Espinosa, owners of 13 Hilltop Road, Port Washington, NY 11050, conditioned upon payment of \$50.00 in permit fees, and depositing \$500.00 into the Village Tree Relief Fund. Let it be further,

**RESOLVED** that there is a mandated replant of one (1) replacement tree, which must be a minimum of 8 feet at planting and must reach a maximum maturity height of no less than 40 feet. The replant's species is at the discretion of the applicant; however it must be consistent with the Preferred Species List, or the applicant must obtain written approval from the Commission prior to planting. The first tree relief fund deposit of \$250.00 can be refunded conditioned upon the completion of the mandated replanting in a timely manner and in accordance with all other provisions listed in Chapter 161 of the Village of Baxter Estates Code.

The second tree relief fund deposit of \$250.00 can be refunded conditioned upon replanting one (1) replacement tree, which must be a minimum of 8 feet at planting and must reach a maximum maturity height of no less than 40 feet, in accordance with all other provisions listed in Chapter 161 of the Village of Baxter Estates Code.

Upon motion duly made by Chairman Abrams, seconded by Commissioner Malloy it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to adjourn the meeting at 12:33 PM.

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Submitted by Village Clerk-Treasurer Meghan Kelly