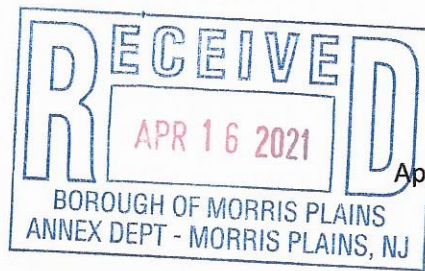


Morris Plains Shade Tree Commission:



April 16, 2021

I am writing to express my concern about the potential removal of three shade trees along the right side of Central Avenue. Their removal is associated with a proposal to subdivide Block 41.01 lots: 1. A new residence is proposed to be constructed if the subdivision of the lot is approved. The proposal is scheduled to be addressed at the upcoming meeting, April 19th, of the Planning Board.

The trees are all healthy and mature sugar maples. They are at least.... 50 years old! Besides adding a dignified and stately presence to the street they have an historical significance. A century ago Central Avenue was the access road along which the dairy and cattle herd was shuffled between the rail station on Speedwell Avenue and the Greystone Hospital. The Morris Plans Library has several photographs which look west down Central Avenue. Their captions describe the movement of livestock along the road up to the Greystone farm. The photos also show a long line of well-developed trees along the edges of the road, Central Avenue.

We believe the removal of these trees will severely diminish this historic link. The Glenbrook/Greystone Park neighborhood has already lost many of its large Sugar Maple trees to natural events. Two mature trees fell victim to high winds within the past two years. I believe that the potential loss of these remaining trees will have a detrimental impact on the rural setting of this neighborhood. The removal of these mature natural sentinels will diminish the natural beauty of this street and result in infringe upon the quality of life in this neighborhood.

Please also note that the report provided by the Dykstra Design Group, dated February 25th 2021, requests a waiver on the removal of the trees because no trees will be removed. That statement is contradicted by the application that has been submitted to the borough for the removal of these trees.

Our family has lived in the Glenbrook/Greystone Park neighborhood since 1975. We take great pride in the wonderful setting that surrounds us. We have participated in several conversations with our neighbors. They express the same concerns and sentiments that are contained in this letter. We expect that these concerns will again be aired at the Planning Board meeting on April 19th.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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