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Whiting Station at Crestwood  
Homeowners Association  
323 Gardenia Drive  
Whiting, NJ 08759

### **Whiting Station Tree Removal & Replacement Proposal**

#### **Re: Request for Approval to Remove 20 Overgrown Pine Trees Bordering the Clubhouse Parking Lot and Adjacent Homeowner Properties**

Whiting Station is requesting approval to remove approximately **20 large pine trees** located along the clubhouse parking lot and in the rear yard areas of adjoining homeowners. These trees have outgrown the space where they were originally planted and are now creating maintenance, safety, drainage, irrigation, and property concerns.

The intent of this proposal is not to remove trees unnecessarily, but to responsibly address a landscape condition that has become unsuitable for the location.

#### **Reasons for Removal**

The existing pine trees have reached a size that is no longer appropriate for the area. Their current condition is causing several ongoing issues:

##### **1. Root damage and property interference**

The tree roots are extending under patios and nearby hardscape areas, creating concerns for future lifting, cracking, and structural damage.

##### **2. Irrigation system interference**

The root systems are interfering with irrigation lines and restricting water flow. In several areas, roots are choking off the water supply, making it difficult to properly irrigate the turf and landscape.

##### **3. Poor turf conditions due to lack of sunlight**

The trees block a significant amount of sunlight, making it extremely difficult to grow and maintain healthy grass beneath and around them.

##### **4. Roof, gutter, and moisture problems**

Pine needles are accumulating in gutters and remaining on roofs for extended periods. This contributes to clogged gutters, moisture retention, moss growth, and mold concerns on nearby homes.

##### **5. Trees have outgrown the site**

The trees were likely suitable when originally planted, but they have now matured beyond the scale of the clubhouse parking lot and residential backyard areas.

#### **Proposed Replacement Plan**

Whiting Station is proposing to remove the existing pine trees and replace them with **8-10-foot Green Giant arborvitae**s planted on a **small berm** in the same general area.

This replacement plan will provide:

- A cleaner and more controlled landscape buffer
- Continued screening and privacy for homeowners
- A more appropriate plant material for the space
- Less roof and gutter debris
- Improved sunlight for turf areas
- Reduced root conflict with patios and irrigation
- A long-term, sustainable landscape improvement

#### **Conclusion**

Whiting Station respectfully requests township approval to remove the 20 overgrown pine trees and replace them with 10-foot Green Giant arborvitaes on a small berm.

This plan preserves the intent of a landscaped buffer while correcting the current problems caused by trees that have become too large for the location. The replacement planting will improve the appearance of the property, reduce maintenance concerns, protect nearby homes and patios, and create a more manageable long-term landscape for the community.

This is a responsible landscape correction, not a reduction in landscaping. The community is committed to replacing the removed trees with suitable evergreen screening that better fits the site conditions.

Respectfully,



Mike Walsh  
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