

## **Morristown Shade Tree Commission (STC19) Meeting Minutes**

### **Monthly Meeting**

March 11, 2014

7:00 pm meeting, Room 201

Morristown Town Hall

#### **Members present:**

Tina Wahlstrom, Chair

Joe Torres

Kristin Ace

Louise Witt

Michael Rockland

#### **Members absent:**

Karl Roettger

Anne Bertucci

Chantal Diedrich

Guests: Rich Wolowitz and Kathleen Margiotta

#### **Roll call**

#### **Statement of Compliance with NJ Open Public Meetings Act (Sunshine Law)**

made by Tina at 7:05.

**Tracy Park:** Kathleen Margiotta opened the meeting letting us know that she and Rich Wolowitz met at Tracy Park to discuss possible tree's and locations for the Arbor Day dedication ceremony. Her desire is to see flowering low canopy trees that flower at different times. Three dogwoods have recently been planted at Tracy Park (before the STC was established) and she felt it would be ideal to continue that tradition. Kathleen also suggested inviting Mary Tracy to the ceremony. She is the widow of Mr. Tracy whom the park is dedicated to. After Kathleen presented her ideas and desires for the park, she left the meeting. Following her departure Rich W. arrived and there was a discussion about the type of trees best suited for Tracy Park. It was decided that three trees would be planted at the Arbor Day ceremony.

**Aristocrat Pear** because we have one left over from the South Street phase one spring planting. It will flower after the dogwoods and has a low canopy.

**Redbud** because of the low spreading canopy and it will flower at a different time than the pear & dogwoods. It is a native tree.

**Sugar Maple** there should be at least one shade tree planted. Tracy Park is an area where growth conditions warrant a shade tree, and it would be a great addition to the park. The fall foliage will add a splash of color giving more visual texture to the park in autumn.

**Arbor Day:** STC decided on the following:

Location: Tracy Park  
Date/Time: Saturday April 26th @ 11:00am  
Trees: See above  
Proclamation: Louise will write  
Agenda: Tina will write  
Tree order: Rich will handle  
Trees to site: Rich will handle  
Dig the holes: DPW  
Plant the trees: Suggestions included the Mayor, Rebecca Feldman, Tina Wahlstrom, and Kathleen Margiotta. Tina will reach out to the Mayor to get his desires and approval .  
Tools: Rich will bring  
Invite: Mayor, Town Council(?), veterans  
Speakers: Mayor, STC (Tina Wahlstrom), MEC (Louise Witt)  
Publicity: Louise will write press release due to the town on 3/24

**Tree trimming:** A quick conversation ensued about JCP&L coming to Morristown for their tree "trimming" and the need for Rich to be present as much as possible so that they do not overcut our trees as they have done in the past.

**ACTIONS:**

- \*Tina will come up with the Arbor Day agenda.
- \*Louise will handle the Arbor Day proclamation.
- \*Tina will contact the Mayor about who he would like participate in planting the trees, and get his input on the agenda and the invitation list.
- \*Kristin will reach out to Kathleen M. to see if she can invite the Veterans and let the Girl Scouts know that they are welcome to come by after town cleanup.
- \*Louise will write Arbor Day press release to be given to the town on 3/24.

**Meeting adjourned** at 9:00pm.