

Morristown Shade Tree Commission

July 12, 2016

7pm / Room 201/Town Hall

Roll Call

Present:

Kristin Ace ~ Chairperson

Deb Regan

Michael Rockland

Karl Roettger

Rich Wolowicz

Absent:

Candy Beagles

John Harris

Guest:

Alan Milstein of Bartlett Tree

Statement of Compliance with NJ Open Public Meetings Act (Sunshine Law) read by Kristin Ace (Chairperson)

Approval of June minutes

1. Alan Milstein ~ Biochar presentation

Alan Milstein spoke to the STC of the value of biochar to the health of trees through the improvement of the soil surrounding street trees. It is felt by the commission and Rich Wolowicz that this would be a good thing for our tree wells and we will present this information to the Mayor.

2. Vote on removal of female ginko at 31 Sherman

The STC approved the removal of the female ginko at 31 Sherman place, provided the residents, Mr. Robert Hamel and Ms. Taylor Stazzone, provide the town with 12.1 caliper replacement tree stock. Mr. Hamel and Ms. Stazzone were supported by a petition signed by ten of their neighbors.

Michael Rockland ~ yes

Karl Roettger ~ yes

Deb Regan ~ no

Kristin Ace ~ yes

ACTION ~ Kristin will reach out via email with the STC's decision

3. Door Hangers

All voted yes to approve the new door hangers.

ACTION ~ Kristin will send it to Jillian to get final approval

4. Protection of Trees Ordinance

All voted yes to approve the Protection of Trees Ordinance as Rich Wolowicz prepared. Rich will go over it with Anthony Devizio for his input then bring it back to the STC for final approval.

5. Whole Foods

It was reported that the Whole Foods store is applying to increase the size of its parking lot. It was suggested to Kristin by James Campbell to write a letter with our recommendations. Kristin moved and Deb seconded a motion to send the following letter to Whole Foods via James Campbell:

To Whole Foods:

The Morristown Shade Tree Commission, in recognition of your plans to add more parking to your establishment, would like to recommend that you offset the carbon footprint of added blacktop with tree islands as you have throughout your current parking lot. Being an Earth conscious company, we believe that you will see the benefit to our community by mitigating the massive heat that a blacktop parking lot gives off. .

As a side note, we have seen that the current tree islands are suffering and some of your trees are in need of replacement.”

6. Fall Festival

Chairperson Ace announced that the town fall festival will take place on Sunday, September 25 and that all commission members are asked to man our booth in shifts. Commission “T” shirts will be ready for wearing at the festival.

7. Mulch Volcanoes

STC members agreed to walk about their assigned districts and compile a report on of house numbers where mulch volcanos are found. The report will go to Rich Fernicola. Jillian Barrick has given the STC permission, in coordination with Mr. Fernicola and the DPW to go out as a hands on team (with oversight by Rich Wolowicz) to remove mulch volcanoes.

8. EAB

Rich Wolowicz asked if the commission was in conformity with his idea of tagging ash trees with numbers so that it may be possible to track their health and deterioration as the Emerald Ash Borer begins its devastation. All voted yes.

9. Remediation of Wells

Kristin Ace will be meeting with Mayor Dougherty on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 and asked commission members if they were in conformity with her presenting, as a top priority project, our ideas on 1) well expansion; 2) remediation of soils around street trees in the Central Business District; 3) the planting of trees in empty wells in the district; and 4) the

fencing and/or placement of grates around trees in said district. Members without a formal vote agreed that she speak to the Mayor about these matters.

Adjourn at 9:10pm