

Morristown Shade Tree Commission (STC39) Meeting Minutes Monthly Meeting

June 9, 2015

7:00 pm meeting, Room 201

Morristown Town Hall

Members present:

Karl Roettger, Chair

Chantal Diedrich, Secretary

Tina Wahlstrom

Kristin Ace

John Harris (new member)

Members absent:

Louise Witt

Anne Bertucci

Joe Torres

Michael Rockland

Guests: Richard Wolowicz, Karen Kiehn

- 1. Roll call**
- 2. Statement of Compliance with NJ Open Public Meetings Act (Sunshine Law)**
made by Karl at 7:00. Meeting is being recorded.
- 3. Karen Kiehn:** Karen wondered if the state had contacted us about planting trees along a state road. Karl said that he hadn't heard from them. She wondered about the three dead trees in front of her rental property on Lafayette Ave. She stated that the trees were dead when they were planted on Dec. 22nd, 2014. We are working with the contractor and will notify her when we choose new trees for that spot. Karl assured her that he will call.
- 4. Finish updating CFMP:** We worked for an hour going over corrections for this document.
- 5. Email from Eric Finn (builder):** 78 Western Ave. They want to build a new house, remove existing house. He wants to remove 7 town trees. Karl invited him to be on the agenda at the next meeting to explain his project.
- 6. Details for Fall 2015 tree planting:** Karl noted that there are about 22-25 dead trees in the business district of Morristown that need to be removed. Jeff Hartke assured Karl that the DPW could get the tree wells ready for a fall planting.

Maybe we could do planters, and have trees planted in them- this is to keep the trees out of the conduits/gas lines/etc. and away from the winter salt. Rich has 20 additional sites for trees. Karl called MHS to see if they wanted a tree in the senior parking lot, and they agreed. He looked at Budd Street Park, and it could use a screen of swamp maples along the new Whole Foods building. Each Shade Tree commissioner will revisit their ward and come up with 10 spots for a tree for the July meeting. If they are done earlier, email Rich with your list. Karl motioned that we immediately proceed on process of each commissioner to identify sites for trees in their wards. Kristin seconded motion, all agreed.

7. **South Street street-scaping.** There is a town project from James St. to Elm- and a tree will be planted. Let's watch the existing trees to protect them while work is being done.
8. **Tracey Park.** A landscape designer has done some historical research and wants to help restore the park. They will let us know when plans are set.
9. **Meeting Adjourned at 8:44.**