

Minutes STC Regular Meeting March 8, 2016

7:05 pm Meeting called to order by Chair Kristin Ace

Members present: Kristin Ace, Karl Roettger, Deb Regan, John Harris

Members absent: Candy Beagles, Michael Rockland

Guests: Richard Wolowicz (Forester)
Jim Daulerio (Splash Marketing)

Kristin cited statement of compliance with N.J. Open Public Hearings Act

Kristin motioned to approve & accept minutes of the February 9th and February 23rd STC meetings:

Karl seconded:

Vote to approve & accept was unanimous.

Meeting was open to members of the public but none were present.

A comprehensive presentation on Pervious Pavement was made by Mr. Jim Daulerio from Splash Marketing. A variety of questions were posed regarding excavation for sub-base in existing tree wells, cost of product, life span of product etc.

Since the product thickness is 2" and a minimum gravel base of 2" (preferably 4") is required it would mean a 4" to 6" excavation.

Lifespan is estimated at 25yrs.

Installed price by licensed contractor would be approx. \$400 per typical sized tree well
Cost would be significantly lower if town installed but consensus was that it should not be a DPW job.

After some discussion it was generally thought that the product might be most appropriate for newly or recently planted trees especially in the downtown areas of South St. and Speedwell Ave.

Kristin presented a motion to permit the removal of a large Ash tree in front of the Early Street Community Garden (requested by GIGM). Karl seconded the motion:

Vote: John, yes: Deb, no: Karl, no: Kristin, no. The motion failed.

Arborist Report: Rich reported that 76 trees went out to bid for our Spring 2016 planting. Rich will get cost of "Bio Char" for trees.

Arbor Day: John will be responsible for the press release and invitations for the Arbor Day celebration event at 10am, Saturday April 30th on Mills Street. Karl will provide John with his recommendations for invitees. Kristin will follow-up on the Arbor Day Proclamation with the Mayor and will invite Rodney Frelinghuysen to Arbor Day. Kristin will also reach out to Kevin Coughlin (sp) regarding newspaper coverage of the April 30 event. Rich and Karl will be teaching H.S. classes on March 16 & 17 and on March 30 & 31 as part of the Arbor Day partnership.

Ceu/Core Update: Deb & Kristin both attended the recent Ceu course at Frelinghuysen Arboretum. Deb also presented the opportunity for members to attend Core training on April 23rd in Paramus. Kristin suggested that everyone intending to attend sign up early and that we go as a team. Deb will follow-up with an email reminder.

The idea of a FB account was suggested but Kristin indicated that the administration was not on board with this. Requested that Deb come up with PR ideas. Deb's specialty is social media.

Action Updates:

Tree fund: Kristin sent STC info to Jillian . No monetary compensation may be accepted until resolution by the governing body is approved.

Tree removal form is now up in the zoning department.

Protection of Trees: Rich is still reviewing and not ready. Tabled til April.

Kristin will be scheduling a meeting with the Mayor to discuss pervious pavement, Bio-Char (aeration/natural nutrients), EAB.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:05

