

## Minutes for the Morristown STC's public meeting on 8.11.15

### Present

Kristin Ace

Tina Wahlstrom,

Karl Roettger

John Harris

Rich Wolowicz ~ arborist

### Absent

Michael Rockland

### Guests

Mr. Finn ~ 78 Western Ave

Mr. Ray ~ Morristown Beautiful Organization

Eric Wilson ~ Dynamic Engineering / ewilson@dynamiccec.com

Minutes were approved for April, May and June  
reading of NJ Open Public Meetings Act

### Vote on 78 Western

The Morristown Shade Tree Commission voted unanimously to grant permission to Mr. Evan Finn to remove town owned trees as identified on the site plan for #78 Western Ave. and specifically listed below.

#1 Black Cherry 18" caliper

#2 Norway Maple 4" caliper

#3 Red Maple 6" caliper

#4 Norway Maple 8" caliper

#5 Norway Maple (split)

#6 Norway Maple 18" caliper

1. Permission for tree removal is contingent on having obtained all other site approvals and permits from the town.
2. Tree #7 (20" caliper Norway Maple) is not to be removed and will be protected during construction by a fence placed around the critical root zone of the tree.
3. Cost of tree removal will be the responsibility of Mr. Evan Finn.
4. Mr. Evan Finn will provide to the town a compensation replacement of approx. 22" of total caliper in new trees (i.e. 7 ea. 3" caliper trees) for planting in the public space.

Items #1, #2, #3 and #4 will be coordinated through the consulting arborist Mr. Wolowicz and the Director of Public Works Mr. Hartke.

### Vote on Dynamic Engineering

Unanimous yes for

- #1 removal of the Callery Pear, which is 23.3 inches in caliber, on 130 Speedwell Ave. for the purpose of creating a handicap curb ramp
- #2 Dynamic Engineering will remove the tree at their cost
- #3 the tree replacement will be a total of 11.5 caliper inches in the form of 3 @ 3 - 3 1/2 inch caliber trees. Placement decided on by Rich Wolowicz

Mr. Ray of the Morristown Beautiful organization came to the STC under the impression that he needed to get STC approval or consent to lease town

property. He stated his intent was to lease public areas and to obtain corporate sponsorship to create gardens. He felt he needed to be able to inform potential sponsors that he had complete control of any of the sites (including trees and shrubs) in order to obtain support. The STC informed Mr. Ray that the commission does not have the authority to approve the leasing of town property to anyone and that he must go to the town attorney and the town administrator to receive permission. Mr. Ray said that he had already done this and had been directed to the STC by the Town. We told him that the STC very much wanted to work with him so that his program was a success. We told him that all he needs to do is present his plans for any of the work to be done on town property when a tree/shrub is involved but, he declined. Mr. Ray's stated that he wanted full control and authority over the sites or he would not proceed with his plan.

Karl presented a New Jersey tree appraisal guide taken from the International Society of Arboriculture guidelines and modified for Morristown as a guideline for tree replacement. With Rich Wolowicz input, we all felt that the guide that Karl created was fair and just. Further work will be done on the plan and it will be presented at a future meeting for a vote.

The discussion was brought up about the tree fund that was adopted by the Town Council. We want to find out what was actually happening with it how much money was in it and where the money goes to. We decided to make it an agenda item for the next meeting

### Voted unanimous yes

on adopting the 'FAQ sheet' and adding it to our page of the town website

### ACTION

Kristin will contact Kristen Wedderburn to have it added to the site

Voted unanimous yes

to adopt the document and waiver for requesting a tree on private property form

ACTION

Karl will create the proper title and make copies of the form

We talked about how better to work with the spreadsheet and Rich Wolowicz gave us an update.

Voted unanimous yes

Kristin Ace to be the new vice chair

8:45 meeting adjourned