DATE: September 12, 2017
7 pm
Room 201/ Town Hall

1. Roll Call
In attendance:
  • Kristin Ace, Chair
  • Michael Rockland
  • Richard Wolowicz, Town Arborist

Absent:
  • Deb Regan
  • Judy Prendergast

2. Statement of compliance with NJ Open Public Meetings Act (Sunshine Law)
Chair Kristin Ace cited compliance with the O.P.M.A.

3. Review of Minutes: August
August minutes were approved for posting

4. Public
No members of the public in attendance

Agenda Item 5: Arborist Report

a. Modera trees – the bags have been opened up and untied
b. Coal Ave parking lot – dead tree will be replaced in the fall
c. CSIP – bids out for buying and for planting. We need to ask for an extension because the bids went out too late for us to get our checkpoints done by the State
d. Dead tree at 11 Frederick Place – to remove
e. Ash Removal – Rich will go over list given to DPW and check to see what was missed
f. Tree pruning contract – rfp out
g. Washington Ave planting – Cerbo can’t get the species we want so we will wait for Spring to acquire and plant
h. Dogwoods donated by Joanne Fillimon – the dogwoods have mildew issues but, contractor stands by them and believes they will come back in the spring and so we will wait and watch

FORESTER’S REPORT
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MISCELLANEOUS

- Finalized specs for systematic trimming. Recommendation is to trim: Wetmore, Colles, Ogden, Farragut, Maple, Miller, Macculloch, Green, Perry, Paula, Lidgerwood, Headley, Edgewood Rd, Knollwood, Dogwood and Crestwood.
- Reviewed and made comments to MLK Phase II Streetscape project
- Madura landscape inspection: no ropes or bags were observed when dug down around trunk
- Reviewed specs for Bio-char bid, tree planting (CSIP) and tree supply (CSIP)

FIELD INSPECTIONS

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<td>Remove 15” zelkova, chronic root issue and girdling root, decay is evident</td>
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**Agenda Item 6: Mulch Volcanoes**  
*Tabled*
Agenda Item 7: MLK streetscape planting plan phase 2

The STC feels that the shrub choices match the site well. There is no water system and the feeling is that these plants do not need them once established. Our concern is how the plants will be watered to establish them in the first planting season.

ACTION: Kristin will send official statement to Jillian Barrick and Anthony Devizio

Agenda Item 8: How to recognize donors

Jillian Barrick approved the tree plaque that Kristin presented. The STC will do a bit more research and then vote on which one they like the best in October.

Press Release for the dogwoods donated by Joanne Fillimon went out.

Agenda Item 9: EAB

- Town Resident Awareness Meeting – scheduled for Monday 9.13 @7pm in the Senior Center of the Town Hall
- Tiffany Road – Rich will talk with DPW about taking down 4 Ash trees in front of house #4 and 1 Ash tree in front of #8. House # 4 would like 2 Blackgum and 2 Trident Maple to replace the Ash
- Franklin Street – there are 4 Ash in a row and 1 Ash across the street from the 4. One Ash is 12” and scheduled for removal. Rich will let DPW know which of the other will go next and would like to wait until later in the season when things are slower for our Tree Crew

Agenda Item 10: Ordinances

Protection of Trees – Jillian Barrick to give to council for September 26th meeting

Agenda Item 11: Deep Root Barrier

Anthony Devizio would like to install root barriers on the sidewalk side of every tree planting to alleviate sidewalk heaving due to tree roots. The STC will do more research and be ready to vote in October. Rich Wolowicz would like to have a more in depth discussion with Anthony and bring that to the table in October.

Agenda Item 12: Business District Tree Rejuvenation

- The Waters and Buggbee Flexipave contract was approved by Engineering
• The RFP for the BioChar contract went out to bid and will be received on Tuesday 9.19.2017
• Tree enlargements still needed to be done along Washington Street
• Tree well openings still needed in front of The South Street Creamery and Stirling Tavern
• 5-6 tree wells need filling on South/Washington and one tree needs removal in front of the Committed Pig before the tree well remediation takes place
• The expectation is that the work will begin in early to mid-October

Agenda Item 13: Awareness

• New Ideas
  * Businesses getting HH trees to create a special food item to honor the tree using its characteristics
    Jillian Barrick approves of this idea
    ACTION: K to schedule meeting with Jennifer Wehring

  * Tabled - Morristown Green.com to do awareness article about HH donation to businesses
    Jillian Barrick approves of this idea
    ACTION: Deb to write article for September vote

  * Ted Talk tree video
    Jillian approved and Kristin sent link to Kristen Wedderburn for posting

  * Trees are not bike rack awareness poster to place at Committed Pig and Smartworld Coffee - Jillian Barrick approved the poster
    VOTE: the STC voted unanimously to approve it the poster
    ACTION: Kristin will reach out to Jennifer Wehring for her approval and help to put up

  * posting line up of Arbor Day pictures from beginning to now and moving forward – Jillian approved the idea and Kristin sent the pictures to Kristen Wedderburn for posting

Agenda Item 14: empty lot Catherine Road:

Resident asked that a tree on a newly purchased lot that is on the town right of way be removed to make moving a house there and rebuilding the barrier wall easier – The STC wanted more time for each member to see the property. Rich Wolowicz will inspect the tree to know its value and health. It is the Only tree on that street. We will vote in October.

ACTION: Kristin will inform James Campbell of Zoning that we will vote in October

Agenda Item 15: 4 Bellevue Terrace:
Resident wants tree removed because it is lifting the sidewalk. Anthony Devizio suggests it is a good choice as the tree has caused many problems over the years. The STC members will each look at the tree to have questions ready for Rich Wolowicz. Rich Wolowicz will inspect the tree for health and value. The STC will vote in October.

**ACTION:** Kristin will inform Anthony that we will vote in October

**Agenda Item 16: Soccer Field at**

Anthony Devizio asked that he be able to remove 5-6 trees at the forest edge to create a soccer field at Gramby Park

**VOTE:** The STC voted unanimously to allow the soccer field. In return the Town of Morristown will plant 7 new trees in locations to be decided on by the STC for the Spring of 2018

**Adjourn time:** Meeting ended at 9:00 PM.