DATE: October 10, 2017
7 pm
Room 201/ Town Hall

1. Roll Call
In attendance:
• Kristin Ace, Chair/Secretary
• Deb Regan, Vice Chair
• Michael Rockland
• Richard Wolowicz, Town Arborist

Absent:
• 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: September
September minutes were approved for posting

4. Public
Bob Norkin/Dori Susser – 13 Franklin Place
John Brucker – owner of 21 South Street
Jack & Kathy Hobbs – 9 Tiffany Road
Jennifer Wehring – Morristown Partnership

Agenda Item 5: Wells Fargo / 21 South Street
The two trees in front of Wells Fargo on 21 South Street will not be moved as the owner, John Brucker, felt that the trees will be out of the way from the upcoming construction. Mr. Brucker will meet with the STC when construction dates are in place to go over the protocol for Protection of Trees.

Agenda Item 6: Arborist Report

a. Modera trees – all trees on private lot have burlap bags still tied high on tree trunks.
   **ACTION:** Rich will send letter to James Campbell to forward to owners with suggestions on how to plant their trees
b. Coal Ave parking lot – dead cherry tree will be replaced by oak in a staggered fashion to avoid issues years down the road
c. CSIP – approved for 6 month extension to allow last State of NJ check in 2020
d. Ash Removal – Rich has list of approximately 12 residents didn’t want the ash trees removed from in front of their property. STC will write a letter to be sent to all on list about the removal and why
e. Tree pruning contract – to be awarded to Boulder City
f. Washington Ave planting – to happen fall of 2017

g. Park Avenue South – dead tree in front of Charles Schwab – Rich assessed tree as hazard to be removed asap. Owners understand the tree will be replaced in spring of 2018

h. 2-5 South Park Place – owners owe Town of Morristown 2 trees and STC asks that we be in charge of species and planting. Rich will ask if owners would like to cut a check for the Shade Tree Fund for two trees and well amendment

Forester’s Report
September 2017

MISCELLANEOUS
Met with Kristin and Anthony re: soccer field in Gramby Park.
Bids were opened for tree trimming, Bio-char, tree planting and tree supply and delivery. Low bidder for tree trimming withdrew the bid, low bidder is Boulder Hill.
CSIP Tree Planting will be done by Cerbo’s Nursery and Greenhouse.
Epstein Project on DeHart wants to switch 2 species of trees. From gingko to Columnar sweetgum. I recommended that a seedless variety be used. Incidentally, I do not remember seeing this before, so I wanted to review with STC.
The inventory in Morristown’s parks has been completed. Data will be provided at next meeting.
The Emerald Ash Borer Town Meeting was held on the 18th. About 15 - 20 in attendance. Side note the large white oak on Georgian has a root system that is starting to rot. The tree will have to be removed in the future (the tree was previously listed in my report).

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ACTION: Rich to give a short list of shade trees to Charles Schwab
ACTION: Rich to find out right of way around the Masonic Temple for tree planting

**Agenda Item 7: Catherine Road**

**VOTE:** The STC voted unanimously to allow the tree on Catherine Road (for project 2425~Godby Tree Removal) to be removed contingent on the approval of all other issues with the house move. If the house is not approved to be moved in every aspect of the project, then the tree stays put.

If the house passes all of its requirements to move and the tree is removed, then the owner of the lot will owe the Town of Morristown four 2 - 2.5 inch caliber trees for replacement (the number was not established yet).

**Agenda Item 8: 2 Bellevue Terrace**

**VOTE:** The STC voted unanimously to leave the 15 inch Zelkova on the town right of way at the side of 2 Bellevue Terrace in place. The sidewalk issue has been amended and although the tree has girdling issues, it is still thriving. However, the STC agrees to readdress the removal when and if there is another sidewalk issue.

**Agenda Item 9: How to recognize donors – plaque**

**VOTE:** STC unanimously for the Banner Series tree plaque by Donor Tree
**ACTION:** Kristin to check how much at 75 or 100 leaf tree would be

**Agenda Item 10: Deep Root Barrier**

Tabled for further research and discussion

**Agenda Item 11: EAB**

a. Tiffany Road: 5 Ash Trees in front of #4 and #8 to be removed this fall
**VOTE:** STC voted unanimously to leave the last 6 trees in place to be reassessed in late 2019/early 2020

b. Franklin Street - tabled

**Agenda Item 12: Ordinances**

Protection of Trees was passed 10.10.2017

**Agenda Item 13: Business District Tree Rejuvenation**
• The RFP for the BioChar was rejected due to the lack of experience of the low bidders. The RFP specification will be clarified and go out to bid again in October
• Tree enlargements done
• Tree well openings done in front of The South Street Creamery and Stirling Tavern
• The expectation is that the work will begin in mid to late October.

**Agenda Item 14: Meeting with Jillian Barrick**

Discussed issues that are coming in front of the STC and Town in the upcoming months

- Tree removal of private tree permit to move from Fritz Reuss to Rich Wolowicz
- CFMP 2019
- Tree tracking tool for Rich Wolowicz – Jillian needs estimated cost for November budget request
- Jillian to look into Tree Reimbursement from car damage at: Hill Street, Dehart St, Elm St
- STC needs to request Capital Budget in Nov for tree well rejuvenation project
- Bamboo Ordinance to discuss in 2019
- Shrubs and working with Morristown Beautiful, Adopt A Spot, Morristown Partnership
- EAB/Mulch Volcano awareness letter to go out with DPW town calendar

**Agenda Item 15: CFMP**

Tabled

**Agenda Item 16: Parking Authority -14 Maple & Franklin Street**

**Agenda Item 17: BMW tree placement**

Tabled

**Agenda Item 18: Morristown Partnership- adopt a spot**

The Morristown Partnership would like to adopt the triangle on Morris Ave and Lafayette Street and we began the discussion.
Tabled for November so that all commissioners can look at the spot and the tree. Rich will evaluate the trees’ health.

**Agenda Item 19: Mulch Volcanoes**

Tabled

**Agenda Item 20: Awareness**
a. Letter about tree awareness from Deb
   Tabled
b. Tree Ribbons – Jillian approved awareness letter to go onto town facebook and
   homepage. STC to write it for posting
c. Bike Racks and Trees – STC to partner with Morristown Partnership, Walk/Bike
   Morristown and possibly Marty’s Bike Shop for full awareness campaign to begin in
   the spring of 2018

Adjourn time: Meeting ended at 10:00 PM.