

Date: January 8th, 2019

7 pm

Room 201/ Town Hall

1. Roll Call:

In attendance

- Kristin Ace: Chair/Secretary
- JoAnn Casadevall
- Sandi Mayer
- Bob Norkin
- Monica Orecchio
- Deb Regan: Vice Chair
- Michael Rockland
- Rich Wolowicz: Arborist

2. Statement of compliance with NJ Open Public Meetings Act (Sunshine Law) Acknowledged

3. Review of Minutes

December minutes were not approved due to a vote revision

ACTION: Kristin will make the revision and send it out before the February meeting for review

5. Arborist Report

**Forester's Report
Town of Morristown
December 2018**

Miscellaneous Activities

- Installed tree protection on new trees in Jacob Ford Park and Lidgerwood Park with Kristin's assistance.
- Looked at trimming work being performed by Ken's Tree Company (systematic pruning)
- Met with Joel (DPW Asst Supervisor) and Troy (lead tree climber) to discuss coordination of activities and to discuss communication issues.
- Worked on species keys and location for Morristown's Tree Book.
- Removed Gator Bags from new trees.
- Discussed Spring Street project with tree company and administration
- Gathered information for 2018 Accomplishment Report.

Field Inspections

Address	Complaint/Inquiry	Field Inspection Notes	Status
17 Shady La	Dead tree	Need to verify if tree is on Town's easement	Pending
40 King St	Complaint about	Tree is clear of wires (JCP&L	Closed

	tree near wires	recently trimmed area); no action needed	
77 Mills	Sewer issue and s/w upheaval	Zelkova 16" with a girdling root has significantly impaired s/w. Owner claims that roots are in sewer and has sewer snaked numerous times. Recommend removal.	Pending

Field Work

a. 300+ tree trim

Ken's Tree Care is on their second phase and has to go back and re-trim 6-7 trees. Once they got a feel of what was expected they began to move at a faster pace. Rich Wolowicz will continue to monitor them.

b. GIGM - Grow it Green Morristown Community Garden

Rich Wolowicz is waiting for a bigger stump grinder to get the stump out.

c. Stump removal

No change from last month

d. Madison Street

Resident would like the tree removed in front of his property for a driveway. It is an Ash, so our crew will remove within two years. Rich W will talk to the resident to see if he wants it done faster and therefore to pay for it on his own. The STC would normally replace the Ash in the same spot but are in a discussion about not replacing it if the resident would give us two trees to plant elsewhere. No vote was taken at this time because Rich needs to talk with the resident first.

ACTION: Rich will reach out to resident and report back to the STC in February

ACTION: Rich will send out address to Kristin to forward to STC so we can look at the tree before the February meeting

e. Spring Planting

Rich will go through the updated Ward Reports, Ash replacement, and resident requests to set the number of trees to bid for.

f. Pocahontas Park

Habitat for Humanity is building 2 gazebos in the park and wants to donate some trees to go around them.

ACTION: Rich will reach out to them to discuss their thoughts and report back to STC in February

6. Resident tree issues

a. 1 Farragut

Vote postponed until February

b. 20 Colles Avenue

Jillian Barrick and Vij Pawar need to come up with a system to fine residents who break our tree ordinances because at this time, no system is in place.

7. Lights On Trees

Tabled until February

ACTION: Sandi will bring in her ideas in February for discussion and vote

8. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)

Removal schedule yet to be determined

9. Business District Tree Wells

Water & Bugbee came out to assess the two wells on Market Street that pedestrians walked in while still curing. They agreed that the large footprints will cause a tripping hazard. Also, there was soil settling because the wells had not gotten water in so long and there is a big bubble in each well under the flexipave. Water & Bugbee said that this sometimes happens to wells that have gone so long without water. They will come in the spring to pull it out, add more soil and re-flexipave. They suggested that we have a few more wells for them to do while they are here and we are hoping to have them complete the 4 wells on Speedwell that did not make it onto the fall flexipave project due to budget constraints.

They looked at the flexipave on the 10 wells that went straight up to the trunk and said that it was thinned out moving up to the trunk because the trunk was so much higher than the base of the well. It is standard practice in cases such as these. The trees will still be able to push the product away as it grows because it is so much thinner at that spot.

mulch has been placed on the 4 open wells

10. Kellogg Club

- a. Tree Species: Amur Maackia & Sargent Cherry
- b. Timing to be determined
- c. Stump grinding to be done by DPW per Rich W and Jillian Barrick
- d. Kellogg Club will not take down the 5 trees until they have the replanting schedule

11. Awareness

The STC needs to raise awareness on what is a public tree and how a public tree is different than a private tree.

ACTION: Deb will write an article for MG.com and send it out before the February meeting for review. We will discuss and vote in February.

12. TD Bank Grant

The STC voted unanimously to partner with Jennifer Wehring and the Morristown Partnership to apply for the TD Bank Grant. The plan would be to replace the diseased Speedwell trees and create a pocket tree park in the Headquarters Plaza courtyard that opens onto Spring and Speedwell. It would be a gateway to Morristown and be a connection to the new Speedwell Park as well as shaded area for residents, and business owners to relax. Jennifer is going to reach out to the owners of the Headquarters Plaza to garner their permission for the project.

13. Private Tree Ordinance

The clear cutting of the embankment of Spring Street was a twofold issue and unfortunately, all legal. The developer of the property was approved by the Planning Board to remove trees on the embankment to create the apartment complex. The church above the embankment asked the tree removal company on site to remove what they deemed dead or dying which caused the clear cutting and now soil erosion issue.

The STC presented Fritz Reuss a preliminary ordinance revision. The STC will call an emergency meeting for Tuesday 1.15 at 7pm to incorporate the revisions that Fritz Reuss and Rich Wolowicz deem necessary.

14. General Business

- a. STC tablecloth and amenities

ACTION: Kristin will put the invoices into the town for purchase

- b. Bamboo

ACTION: Kristin will send Jillian Barrick the proposed Bamboo Ordinance. She will also present the ordinance to the Council at the January 22nd meeting. She will make a packet for each member, as well as the legal counsel. Deb and Sandi will join Kristin at the Council meeting.

- c. The quorum changed to 4

- d. Secretary – Monica

- e. Growth Award – Sandi

- f. Actions – JoAnn

- g. STC tee shirts and binders

ACTION: Kristin will put in for 4 binders for the new STC members.

ACTION: Kristin will get an invoice from Embroider Me for new STC tee shirts for the new members.

Monica: medium

Bob: large

JoAnn: large

Sandi: large

New Business:

Adjourn 9:30pm