

Date: October 2nd, 2019

7 pm

Room 201/ Town Hall

1. Roll Call:

In attendance

- Kristin Ace: Chair/Secretary
- Susan Landau
- Bob Norkin
- Deb Regan: Vice Chair
- Michael Rockland
- Rich Wolowicz: Arborist

Absent

- Sandi Mayer

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

3. Review of Minutes

September minutes approved

4. Open Public Portion (limited to 5 minutes per individual)

Guests:

Cristina Murphy

Paula Zimin

Two people from the Fall Festival came to find out more about us and see if they would like to join the STC

5. Arborist Report

Forester's Report

September 2019

Planting

- Met Cerbo to locate maple trees to be planted at Pocahontas Park.
- Coordinated tree selection and planting at Pocahontas Park with R. Moore contractor.

Miscellaneous

- Removed stakes and elevated trees on Washington Ave and on Bishop Nazery Dr.
- Looked over Elm St tree pit rejuvenation project with Mark Gandy
- Looked at Foote's Pond for planting new trees.
- Discussed tree work with Joe Curlo and Joel Rutkowski
- Met with tree crew at Burnham Park to discuss hazard trees and future work. Will meet again on October 10th.

Field Inspections

Address	Complaint	Findings	Status
110 Mills	Dead branches	Was trimmed already	Completed
9 & 11 Speedwell Pl	Want trees trimmed	Trees trimmed last year; no work needed	Closed.

Questions for Rich

*scheduling park work with STC

Pending

6. Resident tree issues

- a. Trees at Town Hall entrance

There are 5 Redbud trees (1 burgundy /4 light green) and one self-planted Callery Pear. It seems that all but the front two are dying and need to be removed - *Rich will inspect*

- b. Oak tree on South in need of trimming – *Rich will inspect and alert tree crew*

- c. Leaning trees on Hill Street - *Joel will straighten*

- d. Franklin Border request from Braemer Family

Braemer Family who has adopted the Franklin Border asked for permission to hire Jersey Landscape to prune the rose bushes in the spring

VOTE:

Unanimously voted yes to allow the professional trimming / Kristin abstained as it is her family who adopted the spot

7. Tree Removals

- a. EAB - Ash Trees

1. How many Ash left on streets? Completion date?

2. How many left in the parks – 124 – *Rich and STC to walk the parks and tag the Ash that need removal (anything near public areas and walkways) TBD*

8. Partnerships

- a. Footes Pond Strike Team

The Mug wart removal has begun. The soil preparation work has begun for the wildflower seeding, which will begin in early winter

- b. Washington Triangle

Kristin met with a resident who has adopted the spot to discuss pruning the Oak Leaf Hydrangea. Rich will hire Jersey Landscape (JL) to do a hard prune on the shrubs. JL will also remove two shrubs that are blocking views for cars to pull out and place them in an empty spot on the Franklin Border. JL will teach the residents who have adopted the spot how and when to prune so that moving forward the residents can properly care for the spot. JL will also weed and mulch the area. The STC will monitor how it goes and reevaluate after 2 years.

- c. Environmental Commission (EC)

Bob Norkin reached out to the Chair who requested to have a meeting so that we do not overlap our invasive efforts. He has not received a response.

9. Awareness

- a. Tree Identification book –

ACTION: pending

- Rich will give Kristin the addresses when the fall planting is done
- b. How to identify a hazard tree – waiting for Jillian Barrick’s approval
 - c. Tree tags – a resident wondered if a tree donated in honor of another could have a tree tag. The STC discussed and stands by the original decision to not place plaques on or around trees. We will continue to fill our tree donation plaque instead.

10. Grants

a. TD Bank Grant

Our final celebration was a great success and the last of the filming was completed on that day. There is one more Japanese Knotweed chemical spray to be done, in the next week. We are waiting on the Pocahontas Park sign and “No Littering” “No Dumping” signs for the top of the embankment. All will be in place before November.

ACTION:

Kristin will submit the final grant paperwork so that the town will receive the last of the money from the grant

b. Green Communities Grant

1. Sandi will tally our in kind hours to date and bring in November. The grant is still ours and we need to continue to tally hours as we wait for the new format to be introduced.

11. Ordinance

a. Bamboo

Presented to the Town Council 9.10

b. Private Tree – pending

ACTION:

Kristin is meeting with the Mayor to discuss 10.22, 630pm

12. Biochar/Flexipave 2019

Anthony is holding off this year so that we can do 60 wells in the spring of 2020. We will get a better price by doing a larger number of wells. This also gives him time to have the wells expanded. This gives the STC/Rich time to get trees in for a fall planting without rushing.

ACTION:

Kristin will walk and count wells to bring our needs up to 60.

Rich will assess a few trees that may not be healthy so as not to add them into our well count

13. General Business

Weeding tree wells-some of the flexipaved trees need weeding – *Rich and STC will go to wells with vinegar to kill weeds without harming the tree, hopefully this fall, if not then in the spring.*

New Business:

1. Kristin to ask Administration for room 201 on the second Wednesday of the month to accommodate schedules and attend all Town related meetings, which was approved.

2. Bob lodged a formal complaint about a possible hazardous tree on private property (7 Hamilton Road). The complaint was followed up by the town and sent Rich W out to assess. The assessment was to remove the tree. When it was removed one could see that the trunk was hollow almost all the way through and inside its limbs as well. This shows us that our training is extremely valuable and that our Morristown complaint system is working well.

Adjourn 9:30pm