

Date: October 9th, 2018

7 pm

Room 201/ Town Hall

1. Roll Call:

In attendance

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

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

3. Review of Minutes

September minutes approved

4. Open Public Portion

Resident: Mary Jane and Jock Robertson (mjrusa@aol.com)

Mr. and Mrs. Robertson brought a second presentation for their desire to have the twenty (20) year old male Ginko tree removed from the front of their walkway the public right of way. Last month they told the STC that they didn't like where it had been placed and would like it removed so that they can get out of their car and walk directly into their walkway. They want to replace it with a piece of bluestone.

This month they presented the STC with a list of trees in their neighborhood showing that there was only one other house that had a tree directly in front of their walkway. Because of this they felt that removing the tree would not set a precedent.

They also informed us that last year there was a gas leak in their neighborhood. The fire department had to come to their neighborhood and check all the homes. Mr. Robertson that the fire chief said tree was "not in a good place." The STC felt that we should hold off on voting until Mr. Robertson could get the fire chiefs exact quote about the tree. From there Mr. Robertson said that he could not actually recall who made the statement about that tree, but, that his word was good enough by law and that he was "putting the town on notice" that his tree was dangerous. The STC ended the interaction at that moment and told the Robertson's that the STC now needed to consult the town lawyer and town administrator on the legal process of invoking someone else's comment without a statement from said person.

No vote will happen until the STC can review the issue with the town's legal counsel.

ACTION:

completed 10.10: Kristin will reach out to Vij Pawar and Jillian Barrick regarding how to legally move forward

5. Arborist Report

FORESTER'S REPORT TOWN OF MORRISTOWN AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2018

Office

- Put trimming package together on August 9th.
- Worked on planting list, incorporating the 16 Cerbo will plant from spring and new bid
- Numerous meetings were held with Jillian, Rich F, Al Chiefo to discuss items concerning work, inventory and Safe Tree Initiative.
- Re-measured 1 Farragut Pl gingko and 3 Belleville Zelkova.
- Prepared 2 power point presentations for hazard trees and tree trimming
- Prepared answers to questions for mayor for neighborhood meeting.
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Field Work

ADDRESS	COMPLAINT	RESOLUTION	STATUS
On Morris by Tiffany	Crooked trees	Natural response, no action needed	Closed
9 & 10 Tiffany	Check trees	Minor deadwood, can wait until trees are removed	Closed
36 Sussex	Removal request	County jurisdiction, spoke to owner, seems to be some confusion as to the placement of a new utility pole	Closed
41 Mt Kemble	Hanging limb	Condo association will take care of it due to it being on private property	Closed
71 Madison	Dead tree	Dead pin oak, added to removal list	Closed
5 Atno	4' stump	To be ground down	Pending
20 Crestwood	Branches falling	Locust 26" w/ poor structure, added to removal list	Pending
80 MLK	Squirrel issue	Tree added to trim list	Pending
55 Franklin St	Stump	Stump is on DPW list to grind	Pending
3 Cleveland	Trim request	Put on trim list	Pending
21 Miller	New tree request	Wants 3 trees – put on planting list	Pending
122 Washington Ave	Hanging limb	Added to trim list, limb is secure	Pending
56 Miller	Check tree	Linden 20" remove due to storm damage	Pending
49 Macculloch on Miller	Storm damaged	Damaged LP 20" from private tree limb breaking, remove tree and replace	Pending
5 Farragut	Dead tree	F/y tree, sent email to owner	Closed
59 Wetmore	Declining tree	Sugar maple 24" is in decline, remove tree	Pending
213 South St	Oak dropping limbs	Pin oak is declining and dropping limbs, remove	Pending
2 Max Dr	Trim request	Asked Rich F to confirm if it is on ROW or county jurisdiction	Pending
47 Morris	Tree questions	Spoke to owner re: large ash on County ROW	Closed
6 Edgar	Wants removal	Ash tree on list to be removed	Pending

a. RFP for 600 tree trim

The bid was accepted for only two of the three sections bringing the systematic trim to roughly 350 trees

b. Fall planting

16 trees will be planted by Cerbo due to us from the spring contract. Rich Wolowicz is creating a list for 85 trees to be planted this fall and next spring.

6. Resident tree issues

a. 1 Farragut
Vote postponed

b. Crestwood Road

Rich Wolowicz will reach out to JCPL to discuss why the resident's trees were included in the town trees that were topped for line clearance removal

c. Whole Foods – Cobb Street

Whole Foods will expand the tree wells that they created on Cobb Street to comply with the 4x8 standard of the town. We are still in a conversation about removing the barberry bushes on the property.

d. Kellogg Club

Kristin approached the Kellogg Club to see if they would like to partner with the STC to mitigate the trees growing into the wires in front of their club. The Kellogg Club agreed to remove the trees on their own and wanted to help pay for the replacements. The STC is actively looking to partner with organizations to help alleviate tree wire issues so that we have less power lines coming down in storms.

ACTION:

The STC will go out and look at the proposed trees.

Rich W will assess the value of the trees to calculate the replacement cost

e. Blue Mercury

James Campbell and Rich W will address how the trees owed will be given to the STC

f. GIGM – Grow It Green Morristown community garden

We need to remove the Ash in front of the community garden and have it ground out immediately so that we can plant a 4" caliber River Birch in the spring of 2019. We need to get cooperation from the tree crew to implement the process. If the tree crew will not work with us, we will ask Jillian about going out to bid.

7. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)

- a. Ash trees to be removed

Rich Wolowicz is going to meet with Jillian Barrick to discuss a plan of action for Ash removals.
Status unchanged from the last STC meeting

8. Bamboo

VOTE:

The STC voted unanimously to bring the proposed Bamboo Ordinance to the Town Council for consideration.

9. Business District Tree Wells

The project will begin toward the end of October. Waters and Buggbee were awarded the Flexipave and well widening contract. Bartlett Tree was awarded the BioChar, air spay and organic matter contract.

10. Ward reports

The STC will finish and log their ward reports by the November meeting

ACTION:

completed 10.10: Kristin will reach out to Anthony Devizio for blow up version of each ward
Rich W to ask Mark Gandy if he can take aerial views of our tree canopy

11. Fall Festival

Everyone felt that the festival went great and that the Tree Jeopardy game that Rich W leant us was a big success. Kristin typed up the notes that were taken by the STC from residents and went over questions she had about them with the STC.

ACTION:

Kristin and Rich will reach out to the residents and answer all of the questions posed from the Fall Festival.

12. CEU – JoAnn

tabled

13. General Business

- a. Team Monday – tabled
- b. CORE Training

*Monica will attend CORE training on Thursday, October 18th 2018

*Sandi will attend CORE training and the award dinner on Friday, October 19th 2018

*Kristin and Deb will attend the award dinner on Friday, October 19th, 2018 and Kristin will accept the Green Communities Award for Mayor Dougherty

New Business:

*20 Colles Ave

Resident had two town trees trimmed illegally.

ACTION:

completed 10.10: Kristin will reach out to Jillian regarding what action will be taken against the resident

completed – Rich discovered that this company was not a tree company at all, but, a landscape company. Rich will research the company that did the pruning to see if they are in compliance with NJ law regarding tree work.

*Bob wondered if the STC could get plastic swirls for new tree trunk protection in the parks
no action at this time

Awareness:

Kristin sent an approved list of accomplishments to be added to the Mayor's October letter and it was not included.

ACTION:

completed 10.10 – the list was added to the Mayors November letter: She will reach out to Administration to see if something different is needed

Adjourn 9:15pm