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.

**Field Work**

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