

Date: November 12th, 2019

7 pm

Room 201/ Town Hall

1. Roll Call:

In attendance

- Kristin Ace: Chair/Secretary
- Susan Landau – call in from Peru
- Sandi Mayer – first 15 minutes of the meeting
- Michael Rockland
- Rich Wolowicz: Arborist

Absent

- Bob Norkin
- Deb Regan: Vice Chair

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

3. Review of Minutes

October minutes approved

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

5. Arborist Report

**Forester's Report
Town of Morristown
Oct 2019**

PLANTING

- The 3 London Planetrees donated by Katerra were planted in Lidgerwood Park.
- Kellogg Club had additional trees planted during the month, with 1 additional Maackia to be planted this week.
- Finalized list of 27 trees to be planted; prepared bid specifications and forwarded everything to Engineering.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Finalized budgetary numbers for TD Bank Grant and added data to iTree program for them.
- Met with Greg from Parking Authority to confirm roots were not the cause of a sidewalk lift at parking deck on Cattano Rd.
- Did preliminary inventory of area and counted trees for next phase of systematic block trimming program.

FIELD INSPECTIONS/OBSERVATIONS

ADDRESS	COMPLAINT	OBSERVATIONS	ACTION
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1 Hillary Ct	Removal request	Pin oak, 28" healthy	Closed
63 Wetmore	S/W issue	Communicated back w/ realtor.	Closed
56 Washington Ave	Tree in decline	Major cavities in Sugar maple, tree to be removed.	Closed
54 Dogwood	Trim request	Can wait for block trim	Pending
67 Maple	Trim request	Can wait for block trim	Pending

*scheduling park work with STC

Pending

- a. Fall Planting – *bid to go out this week*
- b. Oak tree on South – *trim on the work schedule*
- c. Systematic tree trim phase 2 – *bid to go out 11.14.19*
- d. Tree replacements on South – *included in fall planting*
- e. Amur Maackia for Kellogg Club – *planted 11.12.19*
- f. 44 Elm Street tree removal – *tree was split*

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. Leaning trees on Hill Street - *Joel will straighten*
- c. 47 Lake Road – illegal tree removal – resident must replace it with one 2 ½-3 inch caliber tree valued at \$400.00. Because they have already planted the area we would replace it in, we require a check for the Shade Tree Fund.

ACTION:

Kristin will send email to resident regarding our decision

7. Tree Removals

- a. EAB - Ash Trees
 1. How many Ash left on streets? Completion date? **Pending communication from Tree Crew**
 2. How many left in the parks – 124 – *Rich will give the go ahead for removal only after all street Ash are removed*

8. Partnerships

- a. Footes Pond Strike Team
Signs will be posted and the areas will be clearly designated this month for the wildflower seeding to take place in the spring of 2020

ACTION:

Kristin will reach out to Joe Curlo to alert him

- b. Washington Triangle
Jersey Landscape pruned all Hydrangeas to appropriate height, weeded and mulched the area. They taught two residents how to prune. They removed several Hydrangea that posed

a continual site problem and planted them in the Franklin Border where we lost several shrubs due to car damage.

c. **Tree Crew**

Kristin met with Jillian Barrick and Rich Wolowicz to discuss the best way for the Tree Crew to communicate with Rich. The head of the tree crew is to send weekly reports to Rich to keep him updated on where they were, why they were there and what they accomplished. They are to be following Rich's direction of best practices regarding timely removals of street Ash trees and pruning in a way that supports the supplemental tree crew pruning so as not to waste any money and efforts. We will regroup in early April to discuss.

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**

ACTION: pending Jillian Barrick's approval

c. **STC winter flyers**

We will send out the Spotted Lantern Fly announcement

10. Grants

a. **TD Bank Grant**

The video is complete and been approved by TD Bank. Deb has provided the Spanish translation to be added as subtitles. Michael will do a second proof of the translation and then Kristin will send it to the videographer to complete.

b. **Green Communities Grant**

Sandi will tally our in kind hours to date and bring in November **ACTION: pending**

c. **Roots for Rivers**

Susan attended the webinar and felt that we did not meet the requirements for this grant.

Rich Wolowicz and Kristin agreed

ACTION:

Kristin will send the Mayor and Jillian Barrick our assessment

11. Ordinance

a. **Bamboo**

Presented to the Town Council 9.10

b. **Private Tree**

The Town Attorney has the ordinance for review

12. Biochar/Flexipave 2019

Some of the flexipave has sunk into the wells leaving a ¼ inch gap which could be a tripping hazard. We realize that it is because we did not wait a season in between the biochar and flexipave process, which we will do moving forward. Water and Bugbee will come in and amend all the wells that we have money in the budget to do. Kristin will do a double check count to see that her count matches Mark Gandy's.

All tree wells on Elm and Blachley Place have been widened.

13. General Business

Weeding tree wells-some of the flexipaved trees need weeding – *The STC will go to wells with vinegar to kill weeds without harming the tree in the spring.*

New Business:

*the STC will meet at 630pm for an end of year celebration before our December 12th meeting

*officer voting and change of responsibilities will happen in December

*goals for 2020 will be discussed in December – Kristin has asked each member to bring in one or two ideas

Adjourn 8:15pm