

Date: April 9th, 2019

7 pm

Room 201/ Town Hall

1. Roll Call:

In attendance

- Kristin Ace: Chair/Secretary
- Sandi Mayer
- Bob Norkin
- Deb Regan: Vice Chair
- Rich Wolowicz: Arborist

Absent

- JoAnn Casadevall
- Michael Rockland

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

3. Review of Minutes

February minutes approved

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

Brian Landesman of Kattera Contractors

Brian came in to begin a partnership with the STC. His company would like to work with us on the clean-up of Pocahontas Park, pay for the shrubbery and also possibly add trees at Lidgerwood Park. Sandi, Rich W and Brian will meet at Lidgerwood to discuss possible locations – 4.18 830AM.

5. Arborist Report

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

PLANTING

- Finalized planting and went out to bid. Cerbo's Nursery and Greenhouse was the successful bidder.
- Notification letters were sent out about planting and I have had some responses where the trees were declined.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Met with Susan and John Landau to review Foote's Pond and possible planting sites.
- Worked on tree book.

FIELD INSPECTIONS/OBSERVATIONS

ADDRESS	COMPLAINT	OBSERVATIONS	ACTION
Burnham Park	Dangerous overhangs	There isn't a tree	Closed

Bleachers		nearby	
20 Sand Hill	Concerned about tree across street	Tree seems to be in front yard. Looks healthy. I suggested they find their survey and I will assist in determining ownership	Closed
30 Linden	Concerned about tree(s)	Repeat call. Trees are next door to the house. A survey was located and it was confirmed that the trees are on owner's property and not property next door	Closed

Field Work

a. GIGM - Grow it Green Morristown Community Garden

Stump was removed 3 weeks ago and now waiting for the Spring Planting to be approved by the Town for the replacement

b. Spring Planting

Cerbo acquired the bid and we are now waiting for Town approval

6. Resident tree issues

a. Cutler sign tree request

Rich will see if we have any of the trees that were requested from Spring Planting list. If we do not, then we will make sure to have one requested for the fall planting.

b. Elliot Park Invasives

Elliot Park is overrun with Japanese Knotweed. Kristin will meet with Carolle Huber to see the location.

VOTE: The STC voted unanimously to ask Jillian about hiring Jersey Landscape to use a backhoe and remove

ACTION: Kristin will reach out to Jillian

7. Arbor Day

a. May 4th 930AM

b. Pocahontas Park

c. The Habitat of Humanity donated \$2,700 for 3-4 large caliber trees to be planted along the forest hill

d. Hoping for Hickory, Tulip Poplar and disease resistant Elm. They are all large shade trees and unique.

8. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) – Ash Removal

Rich is going to find out what Troy's schedule is as he has Pocahontas Park and the Speedwell Ave removals as a priority.

9. Business District Tree Wells

Jillian Barrick said that we may have to go with less wells this year. Kristin will cull the list of 80 wells to the most urgent and we will go from there.

10. Partnerships

- a. Kellogg Club – waiting for Council approval of Spring Planting bid
- b. Brian Landesman – Sandi met with him regarding how we can partner. Brian was at our meeting tonight (see above)
- c. Rotary Club –the STC will speak at all three Rotary Club meetings on Wednesday 4.10 about what we do and what projects we are involved in this year
7:30-8:30AM – Best Western: Kristin
12:30-1:30 – Morristown Club: Kristin and Deb
5:45-7:00 – Dublin Pub: Kristin, Deb and Sandi
- d. Footes Pond – STC will do a CEU training with the Friends of Footes Pond on Saturday June 1st 9:00-11:00AM on how to identify a tree by leaf and bark. We will also open it up to the public provided Jillian Barrick gives the ok.
ACTION: Kristin reach out to Jillian Barrick for approval

11. Awareness

- a. What is a public tree article will be completed by Deb for our April meeting
- b. Tree Identification book – Rich will complete the addresses this month and Kristin will input them into the document and get it to the town for the STC page

12. Grants

- a. TD Bank Grant – pending (if we receive it, Bob will be the time keeper of how many hours we spent working on and bringing it into fruition)
- b. Green Communities Grant – received \$3000.00 to create the CFMP (community forestry management plan) and must give \$3000.00 in kind hours. Rich Wolowicz has been approved by Jillian Barrick to create the plan with the STC
- c. CSIP – the STC will apply for this grant for the purpose of bar coding the trees

13. United Healthy Living

Deb and Sandi went to the meeting to let them know who we are and what we do. They would like to reach out to the “Street Captains” to give them information when the STC is doing something around awareness. Street Captains are selected individuals to report to the residents and help them with issues that they may not feel comfortable going to the “authorities” for.

14. Ordinance

- a. **Bamboo** – Town Attorney, Vij Pawar, sent us the 2nd version of the bamboo ordinance and made it an invasive species ordinance. The STC needs specific amendments.

ACTION: Kristin will send Vij our amendments as follows:

*Take out poison ivy and poison oak and replace with Burning bush and Japanese barberry

*How to enforce the ordinance must be identified

*"recurring fine" must be spelled out

*Property Maintenance needs to be added as the overseer of this ordinance

b. Private Tree – pending

15. General Business

- a. STC meeting change – we wondered about changing the meeting time so that we wouldn't miss Town Council meetings but decided to table it for now
- b. Bartlett Tree Seminar – Deb and Sandi attended for 4.5 CEU's each. They found it interesting and informative even though there was no information about trees
- c. STC tablecloth and amenities – tablecloth purchased and Monica donated duct tape and a Tupperware box to put all of our brochures etc in
- d. The quorum changed to 2 – **VOTE** unanimous
- e. CFMP - to begin work to on in June
- f. Natural Areas Conservancy – **VOTE** unanimous that we will pass on this as we are deep into many projects for our town and want to focus our energies here

New Business:

Adjourn 9:38pm