

Date: May 14th, 2019

7 pm

Room 201/ Town Hall

1. Roll Call:

In attendance

- Kristin Ace: Chair/Secretary
- Sandi Mayer
- Bob Norkin
- Michael Rockland

Absent

- JoAnn Casadevall
- Deb Regan: Vice Chair
- Rich Wolowicz: Arborist

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

3. Review of Minutes

March and April minutes approved

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

No one was in attendance from the public

5. Arborist Report

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

PLANTING

- Cerbo's Nursery and Greenhouse is scheduled to begin planting within a week or two. His schedule is delayed due to the rainy weather.
- I met with Dr. Lynn and Joe Attamante to pick locations and species for Burnham Park Association's Annual Arbor Day celebration.
- 21 Kenmuir requested their tree be planted in the front yard. I sent them the paperwork to have be completed and notarized.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Pocahontas Park: numerous conversations and coordination to pick out the new trees, their locations, timing, etc. Also had a meeting and several discussions with DPW to coordinate their work with what needs to be done, including trimming and some removals.
- Worked on tree book.

FIELD INSPECTIONS/OBSERVATIONS

ADDRESS	COMPLAINT	OBSERVATIONS	ACTION
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Burnham Park Bleachers	Dangerous overhangs	Found the trees by the second ball field, DPW trimmed out the location.	Closed
25 Harding vicinity	Tree is split	Tree was split and leaning towards house. Tree was growing on Town property. It was removed.	Closed
19 Randolph	Tree removal	Tree in front yard – indicated to owner that the tree was in poor condition and agreed with their assessment to remove the tree.	Closed
12 Longview vicinity	Uprooted tree	Locust will have to be removed due to it leaning over the house. Met with DPW to identify the tree.	Pending
5 Burnham Parkway	Check tree	Locust (28”) with lean and many cavities along main trunk. Tree was added to removal spreadsheet.	Pending

Field Work

a. Spring Planting

The planting was delayed one week due to rain but it will be completed by June 1st

b. Mulch for town trees

Rich will get a list of street trees that need to be mulched to Joel Rutkowski

6. Resident tree issues

a. Cutler sign tree request

We have a Red Maple that can go in during the spring planting

b. Elliot Park Invasives

Joel Rutkowski had the DPW mow down the Japanese Knotweed for phase one. We will wait for it to grow to 4 feet again and then mow it down.

ACTION:

Kristin is meeting with Jillian at the end of the month to discuss a plan to remove invasive species in our parks.

ACTION:

Kristin is attending an *Invasive Species* removal class on June 2nd with FoHVOS Invasive Species Strike Team

c. 13 Franklin Street

The resident at 13 Franklin Street, Faith Teeple, reached out to the STC regarding a Hackberry Tree that had been planted on the Town Right of Way years ago (before the STC was instituted). She felt that the tree was planted in the wrong place and wanted to remove and replace it because it is lifting the sidewalk and shading her lawn.

VOTE:

The STC voted unanimously Not to remove the tree. We do not remove trees that are healthy and thriving.

d. Kleitman Park Invasives

At the Kleitman Park ribbon cutting Kristin saw a few Japanese Barberry in the forest of Kleitman Park. The STC will work as a team to remove and dispose of the invasive bush to prevent further contamination of the forest.

ACTION: Sandi and Kristin will coordinate a Friday to remove the species. The rest of the STC will come if they can

e. GIGM - Grow it Green Morristown Community Garden

A three leader 15 foot River Birch has been acquired and will be planted by R. Moore Tree Experts & Associates. The Town of Morristown has approved the estimate and has begun the paperwork to be ready to pay the vendor when the tree is installed. The tree will be in the ground before June 1st.

f. 100 Franklin Village

The landscaping company of 100 Franklin Village has repeatedly amended three town trees and buried the flare under 4 inches of dirt. Kristin removed the dirt and Joel R. had DPW remove it.

ACTION: Kristin will write a letter asking that our town trees be left to our care per our Shade Tree ordinance.

7. Arbor Day

Sustainable Morristown, Morris Habitat for Humanity, Kattera Construction, Mayor Dougherty, Councilman Bob Iannaccone, the STC and some residents joined in for the kick off of our TD Green Space Grant of \$20,000. We planted 3 large Princeton Sentry disease free Elms with the \$2,700.00 donated by the Morris Habitat of Humanity in Pocahontas Park.

8. Tree Removals

- a. EAB- Ash Trees - schedule pending
- b. Speedwell Avenue - schedule pending

9. Partnerships

a. Kellogg Club

Kristin let Jim Bednarz of the Kellogg Club know that the Spring planting will be complete by June 1st and to please remove the 5 tree before the new ones go in. Jim has a tree company on call to do the job and will let us know the date of the removal.

ACTION: Kristin will send Kristen W. information for a press release to go out

b. Brian Landesman of Kattera Construction

The Town received the donation check from Kattera for \$3000.00 to add to our grant work in Pocahontas Park and add trees to Lidgerwood Park.

- c. Rotary Club
Kristin will meet the Rotary Club for weeding and planting in front of Town Hall on Saturday @8:00AM. Everyone else of the STC is booked for other events.
- 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.

10. Awareness

- a. What is a public tree article - pending
- b. Tree Identification book –
ACTION:
Rich will give Kristin the addresses when the Spring Planting is done
- c. How to identify a hazard tree – Bob gave the STC a first draft and took notes on how to add more information.
ACTION:
He will bring back his work at our next meeting to discuss.

11. Grants

a. TD Bank Grant

The STC received the full \$20,000 TD Green Space Grant in partnership with Morris Habitat for Humanity to be put toward remediating Pocahontas Park.

We completed phase 1 of the grant with the Arbor Day celebration/grant kickoff (see Arbor Day above). Phase 2 will be on Saturday June 29th starting at 9:00AM with a full clean up of the embankment and park. The embankment will also get mulched. The storm sewer receptacle will be painted brown to blend into the ground.

Bob gave everyone on the STC a time sheet to record how many hours they work on the grant. At the end of the grant, he will calculate the time.

ACTION:

Kristin send invites to Katerra Construction, Sustainable Morristown, Morris Habitat for Humanity and TD Bank to join us.

VOTE:

The STC voted unanimously to have teenagers Mars Braemer and Sarah Anderson paint different leaves with their names on the structure as a tree identification tutorial.

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 does not qualify for this grant this year because our previous CSIP is not yet complete

12. Ordinance

- a. **Bamboo** – pending
- b. **Private Tree** – pending

13. CEU Training

The STC will meet with Friends of Footes Pond on Saturday June 1st in the parking lot of Thomas Jefferson School at 8:45am to head over to Footes Pond for a tree identification class with Rich Wolowicz

14. CFMP (community forestry management plan)

The STC will meet twice in July (dates tbd) to formulate the new CFMP with Rich Wolowicz.

ACTION: Kristin will set two meetings for the STC with Anthony Devizio and Joel Rutkowski to discuss our desire to partner with their departments in the next five years.

15. General Business

The STC will change our regularly scheduled October meeting (10.8) to October 2nd at 7:00pm (room tbd) to accommodate the members in our group who celebrate Yom Kippur.

ACTION: Kristin will reach out to the Administration to make the date change on the calendar and secure a room.

New Business:

Adjourn 9:05pm