

Date: June 12, 2018

7 pm

Room 201/ Town Hall

1. Roll Call:

In attendance

- Kristin Ace: Chair/Secretary
- JoAnn Casadevall
- Sandi Mayer
- Monica Orecchio
- Siegi Pylypchuk
- Deb Regan: Vice Chair
- Michael Rockland
- Rich Wolowicz: Arborist

Absent

- Bob Norkin

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

3. Review of Minutes

May minutes approved

4. Open Public Portion

Steve Carfaro of the Township

Dorothy Flynn of the Township

Both were at the STC meeting to hear the review of the Burnham Park walk about with the Mayor on 5.28.18

5. Arborist Report

a. CEU Training By Rich

Rich is still creating and coordinating schedules for DPW. STC will work around their schedule

b. pedestrian beacon on Speedwell Avenue ~ Callery Pear

tree is dying and will be removed

c. Coal Parking Lot

Both trees at walkway entrance are dead. The bond on them from Cerbo has passed and we need to replace them on our own now

d. Masonic Temple

Rich W and Michael met with Temple president, Sean Colquhoun and discussed trees. Rich felt that he was not really interested in working with the STC and Michael felt the opposite

ACTION: Michael will reach out in one month to get a decision

e. RFP for 600 tree trim

Target: MHS, Early St, Colonial, Sherman. Rich will finalize count and get RFP out before the July STC meeting

**Forester's Report
May 2018**

Bio-char Flexi-pave Project

- Project was completed and verified count for invoicing. 84 wells were completed

Miscellaneous

- Finished survey of town using data from inventory to establish rating on trees in poor condition. This was done as per the Mayor's instructions to prioritize the removal of weak trees.
- Attended meeting at Town Hall with mostly Morris Township residents who are unhappy with the Town's maintenance of Burnham Park.
- Attended meeting at Masonic Lodge with Mike and Mr. Colquan re: planting trees on their property.

Field Calls/Inspections

Address	Complaint/Inquiry	Observations	Resolution
11 Sandhill	f/y ash tree, owner wanted to discuss	Ash tree is in fair condition. Discussed findings with owner.	Completed
50 Harrison St	Measure tree	Bradford callery pear, 18"	Completed
32 Washington Ave	Wants tree	There is sufficient room, added to planting list	Pending
105 Maple	Storm damaged	Lacebark elm will need to be replaced (4")	Pending
5 Hillary Ct	Dead tree	Dead 22" pin oak	Pending, added to removal list
61 Wetmore	Wants sugar maple planted, wants to chip in for a larger tree	There is sufficient room for tree,	Pending, added to planting list, not sure of the size request.
30 Walker	Sick tree	Nor Maple 26" in decline, should be removed	Pending, added to removal list
13 Edgewood	Private tree fell	Owner concerned with other trees on neighbor's property. This is a private matter to work out	Complete

6. Resident tree issues

- a. Vail Mansion

We were asked by a resident to consider planting more trees at the mansion but are uncertain of who owns it, town or private.

ACTION: JoAnn will find out if it is public property

b. 64 Ogden

Resident wants tree removed and the Town has yet to determine who owns it: town or private. STC is fine with removal by town or private as it is an Ash Tree. Any further action is now for the Town

c. Burnham Park

Kristin and Deb walked with the Mayor, Jillian Barrick, Burnham Park Association (BPA) and residents surrounding the park to discuss the overgrowth and lack of care/maintenance. Lots of good questions from residents and it was an opportunity for the STC to spread some education about trees. There were issues of broken pipes in back yards that were polluting the pond and causing swamp like conditions behind homes. Two homes are running water from their basements into the pond. Water & sludge are coming down from the road into yards and then into the pond causing pollution. The STC took note of hazard trees, damaged trees and overgrowth trees on walkways. Kristin walked the park with Rich Wolowicz to go over concerns and create a list of removals in stages of importance.

d. Rotary Planting of Town Hall

Bob, Sandi, Monica & Kristin met with the Rotary Club and the DPW to clean up the front of town hall closest to the building. Kristin bought donuts and coffee for the whole crew. Some over grown shrubs were removed and two Stewartia trees were planted by the steps of Town Hall. The Azalea shrubs were moved from around the town hall sign to a shady spot near the building. Annuals were planted by the sign. Massive weeding was done, as was the removal of dead grass clusters.

Carmela told Kristin that she would put two donut gators on the new trees and have them watered by the DPW when they came to water the annuals and shrubs that afternoon.

Mulch to be laid on Monday by DPW.

e. 80 Valley View Drive

A resident came upon a sidewalk job in front of this home and believes that the contractor used a chainsaw to cut the trees roots. The resident reached out to Kristin to inform. No pictures were taken and the police were not alerted. The resident did not give Kristin the date of the incident.

ACTION: Rich will go look to see the damage. Anthony Devizio asked Rich Fernicola if the proper permits were in place for the work to be done.

f. Mr. Mussner/64 Ogden

The Town of Morristown is waiting for a survey from the owner to assess who owns the Ash tree

g. Kleitman Park

Anthony Devizio gave Kristin the planting plan of Kleitman Park. Administration has asked if we can keep resident plantings less formal and not have people present plans to the STC as long as Kristin goes over the planting list and sees no invasive species. The STC does not approve of this approach. Concerns of things not being on the record and plantings being uncared for after initial work were

discussed and a need for accountability. Case in point, the trees planted at town hall by the Rotary Club did not get gators and have yet to be watered.

VOTE: The STC voted unanimously to require a formal presentation of any plantings of trees and shrubs on public property or anything planted around the CRZ (critical root zone) of a town tree. We have agreed to come in on emergency meetings if timing around a plan is limited.

7. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)

- a. Ash trees to be removed

Rich gave Kristin the list of the last trees to be removed on the streets

ACTION: Kristin will send list of addresses to Administration for letters and distribution

- b. Letters of what was removed went out

8. Spring Planting

The STC voted unanimously to delay the spring planting of 15 trees due to the late timing. Instead, we will do a full fall planting ~ the hope is for 150 trees.

9. Awareness

- a. tree identification booklet

The book is \$1,200

ACTION: Kristin will ask for this in the budget next year

- b. Council communication:
Tabled for July

10. Bamboo

ACTION: Deb to send everyone the document to review for July meeting

11. Private Tree Removal

Siegi worked on the document and got feedback of changes needed to be made

12. Future Projects – due in June

- a. Rain gardens for Burnham Park ~ Tabled
- b. Church of the Redeemer

Anthony Devizio told Kristin that tree wells can be created in front of the church. Project for the future, but, before we are done with the Flexipave in the Business District

13. Root Barriers for streets outside business district?

Tabled until Rich talks with Anthony again about only using barriers on two sides

14. Business District Tree Wells

Tabled for July

15. General Business

- STC responsibilities

In August, if no one comes forward to take on the Secretary position, Kristin will draw names from a hat

- July ward reports

At the July meeting we will reassign the wards and Kristin will hand out the form that everyone will use to report on their ward section

Adjourn 9:22