

DATE: June 20, 2017

7 pm

Room 201/ Town Hall

1. Roll Call

In attendance:

- Kristin Ace, Chair
- Michael Rockland

Absent:

- Jacqui Hyland
- Judy Prendergast
- Deb Regan
- Richard Wolowicz, Town Arborist

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

Chair Kristin Ace cited compliance with the O.P.M.A.

3. Review of Minutes: April

April minutes were approved for posting

4. Public

No members of the public in attendance

Agenda Item 5: Arborist Report

Tabled

Agenda Item 6: Mulch Volcanoes

- Targeting landscape companies for awareness ~ tabled
- Morristown Hospital was very cooperative about removing the volcanoes on Franklin Street and has agreed to only add mulch to town trees with our approval.

ACTION: Kristin to reach out to DPW to remove the excess dirt around the 3 trees on Franklin Street across from the hospital

Agenda Item 8: How to recognize donors

Tabled

Agenda Item 9: EAB

- Presentation to residents ~ approval given from Administration for a resident public awareness meeting with STC and Rich Wolowicz.

ACTION: Kristin to get a date from Rich Wolowicz for a July

- Tiffany Road ~ Rich Wolowicz, Kristin Ace & Bob Iannaccone to meet with Tiffany Road residents on Tuesday June 27th @630pm on Tiffany Road to discuss the options available for Ash Tree removal. Kristin will bring resident input to July meeting to discuss and vote on how to move forward.
- Burnham Park ~ President of Burnham Park Association reached out to Kristin to ask about having 4 100 year old specimen Ash Trees treated for EAB. It was decided that we still stand by our original vote to not allow chemical treatments for our Ash and in particular in the park due to the water, flowering trees and honey bees which the EAB chemicals kill. However, We are offered the Burnham Park Association presenting their desire formally at a meeting if they feel that they have more information to share with us.

Agenda Item 10: Ordinances

- Protection of Trees ~ tabled

Agenda Item 11: TD Green Streets Grant

- Brochure handouts ~ each member was supposed to take a stack to hand out in specified sections of town by the end of June. We will instead do this at our July meeting.
- The final shrubs and trees were planted for the grant at MHS and Lafayette school. Two of the three trees planted at Lafayette are not doing well. Rich will go out and see them when he is in town on Thursday 6.22.17. The issue seems to be that the Lafayette School did not have water available when they were planted. We are waiting to hear if the DPW watered them as they were asked on the Friday that they were planted.
- Tree Handbooks will be done by the end of the week and brought to the Administration to be distributed to each school in the system

Agenda Item 12: Business District Tree Rejuvenation

- The budget was passed and we received money to biochar & Flexipave one street of the two proposed. Four streets in total will receive the biochar & Flexipave. Phase one will be Washington Street from Cattano Ave down South Street to Elm Street and possibly to Kings Supermarket. The work will begin in September. The rfps will go out soon for the biochar work.

Agenda Item 13: New Park on Speedwell

- tabled

Agenda Item 14: Franklin Street Buffer

- Kristin found the dpw crew pulling out healthy shrubs and leaving the weeds in the buffer. The STC is concerned with the lack of training around the shrubs/trees that the

town is in charge of. The loss of healthy shrubs and the waste of tax payer dollars and how to amend the situation is still being discussed.

Agenda Item 15: Awareness

- Tabled

Agenda Item 16: Speedwell Avenue private owners

- Tabled

Adjourn time: Meeting ended at 7:40 PM.