

**DATE: July 11, 2017**

7 pm

Room 201/ Town Hall

**1. Roll Call**

**In attendance:**

- Kristin Ace, Chair
- Deb Regan
- Richard Wolowicz, Town Arborist

**Absent:**

- Michael Rockland
- Judy Prendergast

**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: May**

May minutes were approved for posting

**4. Public**

No members of the public in attendance

**Agenda Item 5: Arborist Report**

a. Burnham Park tree work

The Tree Crew & Rich Fernicola cut the Burnham Park trees down to the ground rather than leave them at 10-15 as agreed upon by Rich W, the STC and the Burnham Park Assoc. The STC was never consulted about the change. Kristin met with the Mayor on this because the work was done exactly opposite from what was decided. The Mayor has instituted a MOP (method of procedure) for dpw & tree crew on any tree work they are to do. If they get out into the field with the work order and find that the work needs adjusting, they are to Stop and reach out to Rich Fernicola, Rich Wolowicz and the STC to find out how to proceed. Only when all three entities have made a new decision can the tree work continue.

b. tree lift on Ford Ave

completed on 7.11.17

c. Spring planting

completed

d. dead trees on Speedwell

nothing will be done with them until we have the go ahead to remediate the wells

- e. Modera trees  
**ACTION:** Rich W will reach out to James Campbell to see if the contractors have opened up the bags strangling the trees on Early Street
- f. Coal Ave parking lot~ move oak/dead cherry  
We are going to remove the dead cherry and replace with an oak and leave the healthy oak in place in the fall
- g. CSIP  
given to Ralph Panei to order for fall planting season
- h. Two dogwoods in Tracy Park for sisters  
planted 7.11.17
- i. dead tree on Cutler/Speedwell ~ Stefan Armington  
Linden may have died of drought and rock salt. Replace with leftover Maple
- j. newly planted dead tree on Franklin Street  
**ACTION:** Rich W to check last year's inventory
- k. dead tree at 11 Frederick Place  
R&R (remove and replace)
- m. dead tree in front of Committed Pig  
R&R in fall with tree well remediation

Planting Update

- Final planting from TD Bank has been completed at the high school and at the Learning Center

Inventory Update

- The tree inventory in the Town parks is progressing. Ash trees are being tagged and in areas with a thick stand of trees, dots are being painted on the trunks to show the tree was counted. Elliott Street Park and Lidgerwood Park have been completed and the Town pool complex. Burnham Park is about 75% completed.

Miscellaneous

- The meeting with the residents from Tiffany Road was held in the later part of June. People seemed to be honestly interested with the EAB issue
- EAB was found in 4 locations in Morris County (Chester, Randolph, Morris Township and Hanover). We are awaiting the confirmation from the State Entomologist.

ADDRESS	COMPLAINT	FINDINGS	STATUS
Ridgedale Ave, Wells Fargo Bank	Dead tree	Dead 10" Hedge maple, to be removed	Pending
46 Elliott St	Wants trim, close to house	Not close to house, but should be trimmed	Pending

16 Oak	Wants one more tree, claims tree was planted on neighbor's property	Tree was planted at #16, there is no room for another tree at this location.	Closed
Turtle Road	Check Landscape Plans	Inappropriate species for under wires	Pending
20 Washington Ave	Dying tree	Red maple 20", mostly dead; to be removed	Pending
6 Frederick Pl	Dead Tree	Dead 3" tree, R&R	Pending
91 Washington St	Tree Request	Large opening	Pending
23 Hillary	Trim request	Pear and zelkova, not much work to do	Pending
335 South St	Deadwood on maple	In county jurisdiction, notified owner	Closed
41 Lake Rd	Owner wants ash treated	Owner needs to be notified	Pending
89 Washington Ave	Dying tree	Maple 22" mostly dead, should be removed	Pending
16 Cutler	Tree dropping limbs	Should be trimmed	Pending
12 Longview	Branches hitting house	Trees from park are hitting house, added to trim list	Pending
28 Morris	Trim request	Honeylocust 13" should be trimmed	Pending
77 Miller	Declining tree	Maple tree should have deadwood trimmed out and monitor	Pending
89 Washington St	Trim request	Tree in county jurisdiction	Closed

### **Agenda Item 6: Mulch Volcanoes**

- Targeting landscape companies for awareness  
**ACTION:** Deb will create list of companies and form letter for STC to approve in August. It will then go to Jillian Barrick and Kristen Wedderburn for approval and distribution
- 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. Contact person for Morristown Hospital is:  
Philip A. Smith / 908.852.1590 office / 973.234.9637 cell

### **Agenda Item 8: How to recognize donors**

STC wants to create a plaque with a tree on it that we can add “leaves” with donors names to hang in the center of the Town Hall. We also want a stock Press Release to go out whenever someone donates a tree. And we would like an announcement on the town Facebook page/ town website

**ACTION:** Kristin to reach out to Kristen W about plaque companies

**ACTION:** Kristin to reach out to Jillian Barrick about press release

**ACTION:** Kristin to reach out to Kristen W facebook/town announcement

### **Agenda Item 9: EAB**

- Presentation to residents on Tuesday June 27<sup>th</sup> @630pm on Tiffany Road ~ awareness meeting with STC and Rich Wolowicz went very well. All residents want to cooperate with STC on removal and will follow our advice on what is best procedure. Rich W will meet with residents to discuss different tree replacement choices. We have four suggestions and are open to others from residents.

The STC has voted to remove 6 trees asap, but, by the fall at houses #4, #6 & #9

**ACTION:** Kristin to make a pdf document of pictures of four tree suggestions and send via email to the Tiffany Road residents ~ Black Gum, Scarlet Oak, Sugar Maple, Yellow wood

- Town Resident Awareness Meeting

**ACTION:** Kristin will check with town to see if the Senior Center is available on August 7, 9, 14 or 16

### **Agenda Item 10: Ordinances**

- Protection of Trees

**ACTION:** Kristin to reach out to Jillian Barrick to put this on the agenda for Council

### **Agenda Item 11: TD Green Streets Grant**

- Brochure handouts

\*Deb will hand out the Spanish Brochure to the Spanish businesses on Speedwell and to the church on Sussex

\*Kristin will bring them to Whole Foods/ TD Bank / Greenlife Market

\*Michael will hand out English Brochures all along South Street from Kings Supermarket to Cattano Ave

**ACTION:** Kristin will reach out to Jennifer Wehring of the Partnership to alert business owners that we will be coming by with brochures

- The final shrubs and trees were planted for the grant at MHS and Lafayette school.
- Tree Handbooks are done and

**ACTION:** Kristin will bring them to the Administration to be distributed to each school in the system

**Agenda Item 12: Business District Tree Rejuvenation**

- **ACTION:** Kristin send Tree Species list to Deb for the last trees on South to go in before well remediation in fall

**Agenda Item 13: New Park on Speedwell**

The STC alerted Jillian Barrick of our concerns regarding the dpw caring for any planted areas in town. We have voted unanimously:

*The STC will not approve of any park or landscaped property plan instituted by the town of Morristown that does not have a private professional landscaping company attached to the care of it.*

**Agenda Item 15: Awareness**

Deb created a document to be sent out to all residents with eab & mulch brochure.

**ACTION:** Deb will send to Kristin who will forward to Kristen Wedderburn and Jillian Barrick for approval and distribution

- New Ideas
  - \*Advertise with Partnership
  - \*Coordinate the Hampshire House donation with businesses getting trees from them to advertise the event.
  - \*Businesses getting HH trees to create a special food item to honor the tree using its characteristics
  - \*Be part of the businesses websites to celebrate the new tree
  - \*Businesses to get HH trees ~ Committed Pig, Sterling Tavern, The Office, The South Street Creamery
  - \*Morristown Green.com to do awareness article about HH donation to businesses

**Agenda Item 16: Speedwell Avenue private owners**

- Tabled until we can meet with Jennifer Wehring of the Partnership

**Agenda Item 17: Fall Festival**

September 24<sup>th</sup>

11:30-1	Kristin
1-2	Deb
2-3	Michael
3-4:30	All hands on deck

**Adjourn time:** Meeting ended at 9:00 PM.