

Date: July 9th, 2019

7 pm

Room 201/ Town Hall

1. Roll Call:

In attendance

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

Absent

- Deb Regan: Vice Chair
- Rich Wolowicz: Arborist

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

3. Review of Minutes

June minutes approved

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

No one from the public attended

5. Arborist Report

Questions for Rich - July

*Speedwell trees - when?

Pending and now we don't know if we can replace them this year because it is so late with the removals

*Ash - when and what is the game plan. Tiffany Rd is Last, but, we have no set plans from the treecrew - I'd like one please

Joe forwarded the list of Ash left and asked that we send letters to all as he does not have a schedule from the tree crew. Tiffany is asking to have theirs removed – STC vote

*leaning tree on South

Rich needs to open the flexipave and see if the root system is intact, if not, the tree will be removed/replaced and the town will have to pay for new flexi on that well. K will talk with Anthony about protectors for the trees in that area for 2 years until they are established.

*dying tree on South

In front of Braunschweiger

*struggling ginko on South

Rich will inspect

*Pear Tree pruning too hard

Pending

*dead tree at 1 Franklin Place / remove & replace Mulberry in front of 1 Franklin Place on Franklin Street

Rich will inspect both

*empty tree well on Washington Street

Stump must be ground to see if there is room for a tree

*scheduling park work with STC

Pending

*is the tree on Miller a sycamore/London plane

London Plane like the rest

6. Resident tree issues

a. Elliot Park Invasives

Table

b. Kleitman Park Invasives

ACTION: Sandi and Kristin will removed the species on 6.14

c. Burnham Park Ash

Joe Attamante sent the STC more information regarding his desire to save the Ash. We were not a full commission so this is tabled for August.

7. Tree Removals

a. EAB- Ash Trees –

Joe Curly sent Kristin the Ash Tree removal status. We still have no schedule and Joe suggests that we send letters to all outstanding Ash addresses.

ACTION:

Kristin will forward document to STC

b. Speedwell Avenue

Trees have yet to be removed and stumps grind. The STC is concerned that the delay will prevent us from the fall planting/replacement promised to the business owners

8. Partnerships

a. Kellogg Club

4 Sargent Cherries were placed, but, the Amur Maackia were not available due to mismanagement at the growers where the trees died. However, Cerbo is has found a possible place to purchase them this spring and may be able to put them in within two weeks. If not, then they will go in during the fall planting. **Pending**

b. Footes Pond Strike Team

Footes Pond would like to work with the STC as the invasive strike team - **Pending**

c. Tree Donation Process

Sandi will updated the form and we needed a few changes.

ACTION:

Sandi will institute changes, send the amended sheet to STC and we will be ready to vote it in at our August meeting.

9. Awareness

a. Tree Identification book –

ACTION: pending

Rich will give Kristin the addresses when the Spring Planting is done

b. How to identify a hazard tree – Bob gave the STC a second draft and took notes on how to add more information. Bob couldn't find the information on how to report a hazard tree and so did not update his article.

ACTION:

Sandi will reach out to James Campbell and Fritz Reuss to find out the procedure. She will forward that info to Bob so that he can complete his article

10. Grants

a. **TD Bank Grant**

Phase 3 – Nelson Castro of Jersey Landscape & Design will remove all invasive rose bushes, any climbing vines and the burning bush. The Japanese Knotweed is too pervasive to remove (a discussion with Jillian will be had about a solution). He will also remediate and ready the area below the embankment for the Katerra tree garden

Phase 4 – Planting 21 trees & Katerra Tree Garden – timing tbd

ACTION:

Kristin will reach out to Jillian Barrick regarding the STC paying for a Pocahontas Park sign to go along the road.

b. **Green Communities Grant** - see CFMP planning (#12)

11. Ordinance

a. **Bamboo** – pending

b. **Private Tree** – pending

ACTION:

Kristin is meeting with Jillian on 7.25

12. CFMP (community forestry management plan)

The STC will meet Joe Curly on 7.12 @12:30-1:30 for CFMP planning.
The STC will meet Anthony Devizio on 7.12 @2:00-3:00 for CFMP planning

Pending: meeting with Rich Wolowicz to create the new CFMP

13. General Business

The STC will changed our regularly scheduled October meeting (10.8) to October 1st at 7:00pm in room 201 to accommodate the members in our group who celebrate Yom Kippur.

JoAnn Casadevall resigned from the STC due to personal time constraints

New Business:

1. Michael needs help with the computer when he is ready to upload his Ward information
2. Bob found two young trees planted last year leaning at the corner of Hill Street and Franklin Place

ACTION:

Kristin will inform Rich

3. Michael saw that the Masonic Temple are expanding their sidewalks & removing the grass buffer. We need that space to plant 3 trees.

ACTION:

Kristin will reach out to Anthony Devizio to report and request 3 4x8 tree wells to be added

Assessing the invasive situation in town parks

Elliot Park: Rich will discuss with Joel Rutkowski and Joe Curlo
Jacobs Ford Park: Rich and Deb will assess before the end of June
Kleitman Park: Sandi and Kristin will remove the barberry in on 6.
Lidgerwood Park: Rich Wolowicz feels that there are no invasive issues

Pocahontas Park: Jersey Landscape will remove all invasives per the TD Green Space Grant
Woodhull Park: Bob and Kristin will assess on 6.19

Adjourn 9:00pm