

Date: August 13th, 2019

7 pm

Room 201/ Town Hall

1. Roll Call:

In attendance

- Kristin Ace: Chair/Secretary
- Sandi Mayer
- Bob Norkin
- Deb Regan: Vice Chair
- Rich Wolowicz: Arborist

Absent

- Michael Rockland

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

3. Review of Minutes

July minutes approved

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

Liz Reisman of Sustainable Morristown

908.494.2661 / lizreisman668@yahoo.com

Ms. Reisman presented the STC with requirements needed by Sustainable Morristown to renew their membership

ACTION:

Kristin will fill out the form that Ms. Reisman will send and get it back to her

5. Arborist Report

Questions for Rich - July

*Speedwell trees

Removed and now Rich needs to get a different stump grinding company that will grind deeper to prepare for fall planting

*Ash

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 remove. Rich sent the tree crew out to do a complete pruning because at this time, there are other street Ash removals that take precedence.

*leaning tree on South

Will be inspected before fall planting

*dying tree on South – PENDING

In front of Braunschweiger

*struggling ginko on South

Remove and replace

*Pear Tree pruning too hard

Rich will meet with tree crew and instruct them on how to prune more gently so as not to lose any more Pears. No Callery Pears are to be lollipopped until Rich meets with tree crew.

*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

Ready for tree in fall planting

*scheduling park work with STC

Pending

6. Resident tree issues

a. 16 Lake Road

Resident wants tree removed because it “sheds and is ugly”. Tree was inspected by Rich Wolowicz and determined to be extremely healthy. STC inspected the tree.

VOTE:

Unanimous: not to remove the healthy London Plane

ACTION:

Kristin to contact resident with decision

7. Tree Removals

a. EAB- Ash Trees –

1. Burnham Park

Joe Attamante, a Morris Township resident, asked the state to come in and designate three Ash trees that he wants saved. He did not consult the Town of Morristown nor the STC when doing this. He then asked an expert chemical consultant to speak to the Town Council about saving the three Ash trees with chemical injections, a plan of action that the STC voted no on in 2017. The STC presented their position to the Council after hearing the two presentations on 8.6.2019.

Rich inspected the three Ash trees deemed “historic” and in “good condition”. He wants to have that inspector come back and inspect the trees with Rich as two of the trees have lost 30% of the top canopy and the third tree is a multileader. He has concerns about the health of the trees and their safety.

VOTE:

Unanimous: The STC will hold off on any tree removal decision regarding the three Ash trees in Burnham Park until the two separate experts have presented to us in September.

8. Partnerships

a. Footes Pond Strike Team

Kristin and Sandi met with Susan and John Landau of the Friends of Footes Pond (8.9.19) to discuss their desire to create a Strike Team for invasive removal and replacement in the meadow and forest of Footes Pond. The plan was comprehensive, detailed.

ACTION:

Kristin will schedule a meeting with Jillian Barrick to discuss

b. Tree Donation Process

VOTE:

Unanimous: approved new Tree Donation Form

ACTION:

Sandi will send to Kristen Wedderburn to have STC and Town logo added. Kristen will then send to Jillian for approval and distribution.

c. Madison STC

Kristin and Sandi met with

Claire Whitcomb / clairewhitcomb@mac.com Madison Environmental Commission Chair

Astri Baillie / bailliea@rosenet.org Madison Council member

Chris Schorr / schorrcsw@gmail.com Friends of Madison STC

On 8.9.19 to get more information on how the Morristown STC can secure more grants and funding and to do general partnership networking.

d. Morristown Town Council

VOTE:

Unanimous: Kristin will send rewritten letter to STC within two days. The STC has 24 hours to add any comments and then Kristin will send letter to Jillian and Town Council

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

STC finished edits

ACTION:

Kristin will send a clean copy to the STC and send the article to Jillian Barrick for approval

10. Grants

a. **TD Bank Grant**

Phase 3 – complete

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

Phase 5 – final celebration 9.21 / STC to wear STC logo shirts

One last clean up – 9.20 @6pm to clean up the glass and garbage that has been dumped since our last clean up in July

ACTION:

Kristin to write the 5 “why we plant trees” lines for the end of the promotional grant video

ACTION:

Deb will reach out to Angela Echeverri to discuss her getting a team to regularly clean the park due to all the investments from various groups

b. **Green Communities Grant**

The STC met with Rich Wolowicz on 7.31.19 for a brainstorming session

ACTION:

Kristin will send Sandi all the “In Kind” hours so far for her to tally up

11. Ordinance

a. **Bamboo** – pending

ACTION:

Kristin to add the legal portion to the ordinance and have Jillian sign off on it to go to Council

b. **Private Tree** – pending

ACTION:

Kristin to get “hazard tree” definition from Rich

ACTION:

Sandi to check with James Campbell regarding Zoning being in charge of the permit section of the ordinance

12. Fall Festival

9.29 / 1130-430

13. General Business

The STC will change our regularly scheduled October meeting (10.8) to October 2nd at 7:00pm in room 201 to accommodate the members in our group who celebrate Yom Kippur.

Weeding tree wells-some of the flexipaved trees need weeding

ACTION:

Kristin will send out addresses to STC and they will get to them as they have time

There will be two chemical experts coming to the STC September meeting

New Business:

1. Bob found two young trees planted last year leaning at the corner of Hill Street and Franklin Place - PENDING

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 removed the barberry

Lidgerwood Park: Rich Wolowicz feels that there are no invasive issues

Pocahontas Park: Jersey Landscape will remove most invasives per the TD Green Space Grant
Bartlett Tree Company will spray and kill the Japanese Knotweed once in August and once in September

Woodhull Park: Bob and Kristin will assess on 6.19

Adjourn 9:30pm