

Date: August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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
- JoAnn Casadevall
- Monica Orecchio

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

**3. Review of Minutes**

July minutes approved

**4. Open Public Portion**

Resident: Rachel Feldman ~ landscape architect for parts of Kleitman Park  
Tottsie0247@gmail.com

Rachel came in to discuss the plantings that she chose to donate to Kleitman Park and how she intends to care for it. Establishing water will be from her house with a hose. She will cut back the perennial brush in the spring to ensure full summer growth of all appropriate perennials. She will also prune the large perennial bushes when need be. The Shade Tree Commission has given her permission to care for the perennial bushes and shrubs.

**5. Arborist Report**

a. CEU Training By Rich

The training will shift to an in house lecture on young tree trimming and hazardous trees. Rich Wolowicz feels it is a better use of our time to understand hazardous trees due to all the storm damage this year.

b. RFP for 600 tree trim

The RFP will go out by the end of August

**6. Resident tree issues**

a. Bellevue and Grant

Resident has, again, raised the roof about taking down the healthy Zelkova tree near his driveway. He stated, incorrectly, that the STC agreed to take down the tree. He went into the Mayor's office to complain and was met by Jillian Barrick who affirmed that the STC voted not to remove the tree.

Resident provided the town with a separate quote from his private tree company to take down the tree and it sited health issues for the tree. The STC will see the tree, again, and discuss in September.

**ACTION:**

Rich will go out, again, and assess the health of the tree and specifically look at the issue the private tree company put forth. He will also measure the tree diameter to determine what the Value of Tree, per our ordinance, would be.

b. 1 Farragut Avenue

Resident contacted Rich Fernicola to request that a tree be removed to put in a handicap walkway from the town sidewalk to his home for his elderly parents.

**ACTION:**

The STC will go out to see the tree and home to gain a greater understanding of the resident's needs. We will be prepared to vote in September

c. 16 Olmstead

The tree company, Tree Tech, was seen trimming a public tree. When they were asked to stop, they acted as if they did not know our ordinance and said that they needed to call their supervisor.

Kristin wrote a letter to the resident and Tree Tech's Morristown supervisor, John Rafalowski, informing them of our ordinance. Kristin is waiting for edits from the Town and will sign/send when it is ready.

**ACTION:**

Kristin will send Rich Wolowicz the supervisor's name.

**7. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)**

a. Ash trees to be removed

STC and Rich Wolowicz are waiting for the DPW to meet with us and discuss a plan of action for Ash removals.

**8. Fall Planting**

Cerbo owes us 16, which we will plant in empty wells and a few Ash replacements. We will order 56-75 more trees on a different bid for Morris, Elm, and Ash replacements. The expectation is to begin the planting by mid October.

**9. Awareness**

a. Council communication:

Sent and received a congratulatory note from Councilman Iannaccone with the offer to help us with our great work.

b. Mayors monthly letter: Monica would like us to see if we can get the Council communication information on our STC town page and into the Mayor's monthly letter

**ACTION Pending:** Kristin will check with Kristen Wedderburn to see how to proceed

**10. Bamboo**

Tabled for September

### **11. Root Barriers for streets outside business district**

The STC voted no to root barriers in the residential areas of the town

### **12. Business District Tree Wells**

The DPW still has not ground the stumps for our fall planting which puts our planting, Flexipave & Biochar project in jeopardy.

### **13. Ward reports**

We discussed using Google Docs to add the ward reports together so that we can all access, but, that only Rich W can make overall changes to. We can update our own Ward sections, but, only Rich can make changes to every Ward.

**ACTION:** Kristin will ask her husband to give us a time to come to a STC meeting for a Google Doc tutorial

### **14. Fall Festival**

We chose our time slot to be at our STC table with the Town for the Fall Festival. Rich W will lend us his “Tree Jeopardy” game for the table. We discussed what is expected of each member while at the table. Educate the public on

- a. mulch volcanoes and hand out brochures
- b. the Emerald Ash Borer
- c. the Spotted Lantern Fly
- d. Flexipave and BioChar
- e. the STC

**ACTION:** Kristin will order more mulch brochures for the Fall Festival and get a sample of Flexipave and BioChar for the table

### **15. General Business**

- a. Right Tree, Right Place training

Deb put together a booklet of all the information that she, Monica and Sandi learned at the training and it was quite informative

- b. Spotted Lantern Fly

Deb put together a booklet on all the information that we need to know about this new invasive species. Parts of Pennsylvania are under quarantine. The bug lays its eggs on anything and it looks like a mud patch. It is suggested to kill the bug with a dish soap and water solution and **not** to use chemicals on it that approach is unnecessary. Rich Wolowicz is meeting with a specialist and will be ready to discuss with us where the bug is in relation to Morristown.

**ACTION:** Kristin will send an email to the Mayor telling him that we will have a full report for him from Rich Wolowicz in two weeks. In the meantime, Kristin will bring Mayor Dougherty a copy of the booklet that Deb created.

- c. Parsons Village

Kristin met with the residents and garden association at Parsons Village on Monday August 6<sup>th</sup>. The Chair, Barbara Wefering invited us after Sandi discussed her new position with the association. They wanted to know what the STC did for the town. It was a positive discussion with many good questions on how to best plant, mulch and care for trees. They were surprised at how much the STC does in our town. Their trees are very healthy, no mulch volcanoes and the root flare is at ground level.

d. August Summer Storm damage:

- 110 South Street -1 tree
- 61 Miller Road - 2 Town Trees located on Collies side.
- 50 Macculloch Ave - 2 Town Trees
- 36 Franklin Street - 1 town tree
- Atno Ave - 1 Town Tree
- 1 Farragut on Macculloch side - 1 town tree removed

The following trees tagged for inspection due to storm damage or because hit by other tree during storm:

- 50 Miller Rd. in front of
- Opposite 48 Miller Rd sycamore tree damaged by residents tree
- 20 Crestwood

10 private trees clean up roadway to clear for traffic at various locations

e. Team Monday

Deb invited the STC to sign onto Team Monday to track our ACTIONS and timing of items that we are working on. We will all learn it to discuss for September

**New Business:**

Plastic swirls for new tree trunk protection

Posting on Nextdoor regarding 15 trees being removed by resident, but, it was in the Township and therefore not our jurisdiction

Adjourn 9:00