

Date: September 10th, 2019

7 pm

Room 201/ Town Hall

1. Roll Call:

In attendance

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

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

3. Review of Minutes

August minutes approved

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

Guests:

Dr. George Hamilton – Rutgers University – Pesticide Application Expert

Dr. Hamilton explained the uses and hazards of using the “natural” Neem product AzaSol. The product only kills the larvae of the EAB. It will deter the adult bug and make the female produce less eggs, but, it will not kill the adult. It is still considered hazardous even though it is “natural”.

Rob Lindsley – Bartlett Tree Company

Mr. Lindsley discussed his experience with the AzaSol. It must be used every year and is more expensive than other treatments. Of the trees in question, only one may be viable for treatment but, that determination should be made in the Spring when it leafs out fully. No treatment will be effective at this time of year.

Dr. Lynn Seibert of the Burnham Park Association

Dr. Seibert attended the STC meeting to hear the speakers and ask questions.

5. Arborist Report

**Forester’s Report
Town of Morristown
August 2019**

PLANTING

- Worked on planting list and species selection for Pocahontas Park
- Finalized list of locations that require additional stump grinding services and met with Stumpbusters to receive quote for same.
- Drafted species for Speedwell Ave

MISCELLANEOUS

- Had a discussion with crew re: scheduling of work.
- Had site meetings at Foote Pond for pedestrian bridge construction and impacts on trees.
- Met with JCP&L representative re: removing some street trees which he thought would impact the utility lines. I disagreed with his opinion and turned down the request.
- Along with Anthony DeVizio, attended a site meeting to discuss sidewalk repair along the parking deck on Cattano.

FIELD INSPECTIONS/OBSERVATIONS

ADDRESS	COMPLAINT	OBSERVATIONS	ACTION
44 Pine	Dangerous tree	Maple leaning and has root damage. Crew indicates it is hollow	Remove tree
Tree by pool	Dangerous tree	Hollow tulip tree by pool	Remove tree
54 Wetmore (adjacent to)	Leaning tree	Cherry 8", leaning and trunk damage	Remove tree
Burnham Park	Reviewed ash trees	Wrote report on ash trees for Jillian	Completed

CFMP – the State has postponed the acceptance of all CFMP's due in 2018 and 2019 until 2023 and 2024 respectfully. The format is being reworked and will take a year to complete.

Questions for Rich - pending

*dying tree on South

In front of Braunschweiger

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

Rich will inspect both

*scheduling park work with STC

Pending

*leaning trees on Hill Street

Rich and Kristin to see if trees need support underneath

*dying tree on Franklin Place

Rich to inspect

6. Resident tree issues

- 121 Washington Ave public tree has a large volcano that Kristin removed but needs DPW to take all the soil away so it does not get put back into place by resident. Mulch letter needs to be sent.

7. Tree Removals

- EAB - Ash Trees

- Rich Wolowicz has recommended that the tree crew to remove 3 Ash a week in the same area with the hopes of having all street Ash done by the end of January. Once the crew is finished with the street Ash, they will be instructed on which park Ashes are to be removed.
- Burnham Park
Rich Wolowicz instructed the tree crew to remove 2 hazard Ash trees by the playground

The STC will discuss the possibility of treating the one possible healthy “historic” Ash over the next several meetings and come to a resolution in the spring when the tree leafs out.

8. Partnerships

a. Footes Pond Strike Team

John & Susan Landau presented their Autumn/Winter invasive removal program for review. The STC needs time to review the whole program, and will be ready to vote on which portions we approve of in October. All Strike Team will all sign non liability waivers for the town before beginning the work.

VOTE:

Unanimously to allow the Mugwort cutting and the wildflower seeding along the grass area of the new walkway.

b. Tree Donation Process

Sandi brought in a copy of the new form that Kristen Wedderburn professionalized for us to see.

c. Morristown Town Council

Jillian Barrick approved of the letter and it was sent to the Council members by the Town Clerk.

d. Environmental Commission (EC)

Bob Norkin will be the liaison to the EC from the STC.

ACTION:

Kristin and Bob will meet the week of 9.15 to review what we are involved with thus far.

ACTION:

Bob will connect with EC chairperson to set a meeting date.

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 – waiting for Jillian Barrick’s approval

ACTION:

Rich will ask AI about the effectiveness of someone using the method we have written about in our article

10. Grants

a. TD Bank Grant

Phase 4 –Planting 15 trees & Katerra Tree Garden – 9.16

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

One last clean-up – 9.20 @11:AM Bob, Sandi and Kristin will clean. If we do not finish in an hour, then Deb and Kristin will return @6pm

b. **Green Communities Grant**

1. Sandi will tally our in kind hours to date

ACTION:

Kristin will get volunteer dollar amount to Sandi

ACTION:

Kristin will reach out to the State to find out what becomes of the grant now that the CFMP has been postponed by the State.

11. Ordinance

a. **Bamboo**

Presented to the Town Council 9.10

b. **Private Tree** – pending

ACTION:

Kristin to reach out to Jillian Barrick to see if another meeting is needed to discuss

12. Fall Festival

9.29 / 1130-430

1130-1230: Sandi
1230-130: Deb
130-230: Michael
230-330: Bob
330-430: Kristin

ACTION:

Rich will get the game to Kristin
Kristin to get all materials to Sandi
Kristin to buy and bring chocolate leaves for game prize

13. General Business

Weeding tree wells-some of the flexipaved trees need weeding

ACTION:

Rich and Kristin to go out in the next few weeks with vinegar spray bottle to kill the weeds

New Business:

1. Kristin to ask Administration whether the 1st or the 3rd Tuesday is available for Room 201 so that the STC can have a different meeting time in 2020. We do not want to miss any more Town Council meetings.

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