

Date: July 10, 2018

7 pm

Room 201/ Town Hall

**1. Roll Call:**

**In attendance**

- Kristin Ace: Chair/Secretary
- JoAnn Casadevall
- Sandi Mayer
- Bob Norkin
- Monica Orecchio
- 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**

June minutes approved

**4. Open Public Portion**

Resident: Bierce Riley  
19 Budd Street  
[bierce.riley@gmail.com](mailto:bierce.riley@gmail.com)

Ms. Riley had a tree fall into her yard from Kleitman Park and needs it removed. She had other concerns about grading and garbage pile up due to the steep sloping, but, we told her to contact her Ward Council person. We also suggested that she attend the Council meeting and address the Council during the public portion of the meeting. We will send her information to Jillian Barrick and see when Jillian can have a DPW crew out to remove the tree.

**5. Arborist Report**

a. CEU Training By Rich

**ACTION:**

Kristin to reach out to STC and confirm the Tree Trimming/Sidewalk training for 8.14 at 6pm before our regular monthly meeting.

b. RFP for 600 tree trim

Target: MHS, Early St, Colonial, Sherman. Rich finalized count and it will be less than 600 trees for this round so as to keep the crew in a concentrated area. The RFP will go out mid July

c. 80 Valley View Road

Rich did not see any visible root damage on tree. Anthony Devizio discovered that the resident did not have a permit for the sidewalk work and the town will now inspect the site. If there are any issues, the resident may need to rip the sidewalk out and redo and then Rich can look under the walk to inspect the tree better

d. Tree removal and stump grind

There are three segments of tree removals on the list of importance right now: Mayors hazard list, Flexipave project list, and Ash Trees. Rich will find out when the crew will get to the Flexipave trees so that we can plan our fall planting/Flexipave project. It is vitally important that the Morris Ave, Park Ave, Elm Street trees be removed asap so as not to endanger new plantings in the same place planned for the fall.

**Forester's Report  
Town of Morristown  
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**SYSTEMATIC TRIMMING**

- Kristin assisted in counting trees in targeted area
- Specifications were re-written
- Bid request should be ready to be advertised in mid-July

**FLEXI-PAVE**

- Reviewed trees and confirmed count for payment process.

**FIELD INSPECTIONS/OBSERVATIONS**

| ADDRESS             | COMPLAINT                      | OBSERVATIONS  | ACTION                              |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 43 Phoenix          | Tree hitting house             | Tree needs trim   | Added to spreadsheet                |
| 92 James            | Branches falling               | Silver maple in park has many cavities, needs to be removed | Tree was removed                    |
| 47 Mills            | Dead branches                  | Front yard tree   | Property Maintenance to send letter |
| 5 Oliphant          | s/w issue                      | Severe leaning tree, cherry 8"                              | Remove tree                         |
| 86 Maple St         | Low limbs                      | Maple was trimmed   | Completed                           |
| 80 Valley View Dr W | Follow up on call of cut roots | London planetree about 12", no visible signs of cut roots   | DPW to follow up                    |
| 2 Glenwood          | Leaning and dead               | 2 young trees, 1 to be replaced and 1 needs to be re-staked | Pending                             |
| 37 Maple St         | Dead tree                      | Dead pear 16"   | Added to spreadsheet                |
| 38.5 Sussex         | Dead tree                      | Dead tree on Cleveland, cherry                              | Added to spreadsheet                |
| 12 Marian Pl        | Dead tree                      | Dead 12" tree on Willard                                    | Added to spreadsheet                |
| 69 Franklin St      | Check tree                     | Small cavity in locust 38"                                  | Future removal                      |
| 6 Ridgedale         | Low limbs hitting house        | Needs trim  | Added to trim list                  |
| 82 Maple St         | Declining tree                 | Sug maple 16" in decline                                    | Added to removal list               |
| 71 Wetmore          | Low limbs                      | Needs trim  | Added to trim list                  |

**6. Resident tree issues**

a. 1776 Nights Vision

Developers want to take down a tree to add a loading zone on Speedwell for the Plaza.

**ACTION:**

Kristin will meet with Frank Vitolo (developer's lawyer) on Thursday 7.13 to go over the plan and discuss. Kristin will bring the issue to the August STC meeting

b. Franklin Street Buffer

The Braemer Family has officially adopted the Franklin Street Buffer through Kathleen Margiotta's "Adopt A Spot" program. They have weeded, cleaned out all garbage and mulched. They would like permission to have their landscaper (Jersey Garden Landscaping who has worked for the town on similar projects) prune all the shrubbery in the fall.

**VOTE:**

The STC voted unanimously to allow the Braemer family to have the shrubbery pruned by their professional landscaper. Kristin Ace abstained from the vote as she knows the family.

c. 13 Kenmuir Street

Resident emailed to tell us that the gator bag on the public tree in front of his house had sprung a leak.

**ACTION:** Rich will replace bag on Thursday 6.14

d. 56 Washington Ave

Resident: Catherine Fainglas called to say that an Oak Tree was planted last fall in front of her house and she specifically asked not to have an Oak Tree as it would negatively affect her private trees. She wants a tree, just not an Oak (something smaller).

**ACTION:** Rich will find a replacement tree and also find a new home for the Oak to be moved in the fall.

e. Headley Road

JoAnn saw a row of public trees with mulch volcanoes and asked how the STC handles such cases.

**ACTION:** Rich will get exact address to Kristin who will then ask the town to send out mulch letter and brochure.

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

a. Ash trees to be removed

Jillian would like to send out letters in the fall when it is closer to when the actual work will be done.

**8. Fall Planting**

Rich is moving forward with a count of how many trees we will plant this fall.

**9. Awareness**

a. Council communication:

Deb created a communication of all that the STC has accomplished and is currently working on to send to the Council.

**VOTE:** The STC voted unanimously to send the document to Jillian Barrick for approval.

**ACTION:** Kristin will send to Jillian Barrick. Once approved, Kristin will then send to the Town Clerk to distribute to the Council members.

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

## **10. Bamboo**

- a. The STC discussed a possibility of creating a full invasive species ordinance as opposed to a bamboo only as there are many species that endanger our urban forest. Monica and Kristin felt that an overall ordinance better handles the invasive species issue altogether, but, the other members felt that bamboo is a separate issue from other invasives because bamboo is destructive on a profound level and because of the root system it is almost impossible to eradicate.

**VOTE:** To create an invasive species ordinance as opposed to a bamboo only

JoAnn Casadevall: no

Bob Norkin: no

Monica Orecchio: yes

Deb Regan: no

Kristin Ace: yes

The STC voted to pursue a bamboo only ordinance at this time.

**ACTION:** Deb and JoAnn will work together to perfect the bamboo ordinance document for the August STC meeting.

## **11. Private Tree Removal**

Tabled indefinitely due to the Towns desire to create a tree care awareness program for the public.

## **12. Root Barriers for streets outside business district?**

Tabled until Anthony can stop in to discuss his reasons for the barriers.

## **13. Business District Tree Wells**

The DPW was given a list of trees to remove and stumps to grind on Morris, Elm and Park Place to prepare for the fall planting, BioChar and Flexipave.

## **14. General Business**

- STC responsibilities

JoAnn volunteered to take over the CEU, CORE Training aspect of the STC.

**ACTION:** Kristin to send JoAnn all the information and walk her through the process

- August ward reports  
New Ward assignments:

|                        |               |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Ward 1: District 1 & 2 | Deb           |
| Ward 1: District 3 & 4 | Kristin       |
| Ward 2: District 2 & 3 | Monica        |
| Ward 2: District 1     | Sandi         |
| Ward 3: District 1     | Sandi         |
| Ward 3: District 2 & 3 | JoAnn         |
| Ward 4: entire         | Bob & Michael |

**ACTION:** Kristin to send out new forms with “under wires” category.

**ACTION:** Kristin to send each person their ward assignments to have on file

**New Business:**

Fall Festival

Plastic swirls for new tree trunk protection

Adjourn 9:12