Morristown Shade Tree Commission  
July 12, 2016  
7pm / Room 201/Town Hall  

Roll Call  

Present:  
Kristin Ace ~ Chairperson  
Deb Regan  
Michael Rockland  
Karl Roettger  
Rich Wolowicz  

Absent:  
Candy Beagles  
John Harris  

Guest:  
Alan Milstein of Bartlett Tree  

Statement of Compliance with NJ Open Public Meetings Act (Sunshine Law) read by Kristin Ace (Chairperson)  

Approval of June minutes  

1. Alan Milstein ~ Biochar presentation  
   
   Alan Milstein spoke to the STC of the value of biochar to the health of trees through the improvement of the soil surrounding street trees. It is felt by the commission and Rich Wolowicz that this would be a good thing for our tree wells and we will present this information to the Mayor.  

2. Vote on removal of female ginko at 31 Sherman  

   The STC approved the removal of the female ginko at 31 Sherman place, provided the residents, Mr. Robert Hamel and Ms. Taylor Stazzone, provide the town with 12.1 caliper replacement tree stock. Mr. Hamel and Ms. Stazzone were supported by a petition signed by ten of their neighbors.  
   Michael Rockland ~ yes  
   Karl Roettger ~ yes  
   Deb Regan ~ no  
   Kristin Ace ~ yes  
   
   ACTION ~ Kristin will reach out via email with the STC’s decision  

3. Door Hangers  
   All voted yes to approve the new door hangers.
ACTION ~ Kristin will send it to Jillian to get final approval

4. Protection of Trees Ordinance
All voted yes to approve the Protection of Trees Ordinance as Rich Wolowicz prepared. Rich will go over it with Anthony Devizio for his input then bring it back to the STC for final approval.

5. Whole Foods
It was reported that the Whole Foods store is applying to increase the size of its parking lot. It was suggested to Kristin by James Campbell to write a letter with our recommendations. Kristin moved and Deb seconded a motion to send the following letter to Whole Foods via James Campbell:

To Whole Foods:
The Morristown Shade Tree Commission, in recognition of your plans to add more parking to your establishment, would like to recommend that you offset the carbon footprint of added blacktop with tree islands as you have throughout your current parking lot. Being an Earth conscious company, we believe that you will see the benefit to our community by mitigating the massive heat that a blacktop parking lot gives off. As a side note, we have seen that the current tree islands are suffering and some of your trees are in need of replacement.”

6. Fall Festival
Chairperson Ace announced that the town fall festival will take place on Sunday, September 25 and that all commission members are asked to man our booth in shifts. Commission “T” shirts will be ready for wearing at the festival.

7. Mulch Volcanoes
STC members agreed to walk about their assigned districts and compile a report on of house numbers where mulch volcanos are found. The report will go to Rich Fernicola. Jillian Barrick has given the STC permission, in coordination with Mr. Fernicola and the DPW to go out as a hands on team (with oversight by Rich Wolowicz) to remove mulch volcanoes.

8. EAB
Rich Wolowicz asked if the commission was in conformity with his idea of tagging ash trees with numbers so that it may be possible to track their health and deterioration as the Emerald Ash Borer begins its devastation. All voted yes.

9. Remediation of Wells
Kristin Ace will be meeting with Mayor Dougherty on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 and asked commission members if they were in conformity with her presenting, as a top priority project, our ideas on 1) well expansion; 2) remediation of soils around street trees in the Central Business District; 3) the planting of trees in empty wells in the district; and 4) the
fencing and/or placement of grates around trees in said district. Members without a formal vote agreed that she speak to the Mayor about these matters.

Adjourn at 9:10pm