

Minutes November 8, 2016
Morristown Shade Tree Commission

Present:

Kristin Ace (Chair)
Karl Roettger
Michael Rockland
Deb Regan
Andree Jacobson
John Mitchell

Guests:

Rich Wolowicz (Forester)

2. Chair Ace cited compliance with OPMA
3. Motion by K. Ace to accept October meeting minutes; 2nd M. Rockland; A. Jacobson yes; D. Regan, yes; M. Rockland, yes; K. Roettger, yes; K. Ace, yes; J. Mitchell did not vote. Motion approved.
4. Open Public Portion, no members of the public present.
5. Motion by K. Ace to accept “Honey Beige” color of Flexipave for downtown tree wells; 2nd D. Regan; A. Jacobson, yes; D. Regan, yes; M. Rockland, yes; K. Roettger, yes; J. Mitchell, yes; K. Ace, yes. Motion approved.
6. Motion by K. Roettger to allow K. Ace to provide Dept. of Engineering with estimated budget figure for the downtown tree rejuvenation project; 2nd D. Regan; A. Jacobson, yes; D. Regan, yes; M. Rockland, yes; K. Roettger, yes; J. Mitchell, yes; K. Ace, yes. Motion approved.
7. Motion by K. Roettger to approve proposed ordinance changes in town code 2-78.7 and 2-78.5 regarding valuation and compensation for town trees; 2nd K. Ace; A. Jakobson, yes; D. Regan, yes; M. Rockland, yes; K. Roettger, yes; J. Mitchell, yes; K. Ace, yes. Motion approved.
8. Motion by K. Roettger to approve drafts of the STC Annual Report and the STC Accomplishment Report; 2nd J. Mitchell; A. Jacobson, yes; D. Regan, yes; M. Rockland, yes; K. Roettger, yes; J. Mitchell, yes; K. Ace, yes. Motion approved.
9. Discussion re: homeowner at 80 Miller Rd. wanting no street trees planted in the curb strip in front of his home. Action: R. Wolowicz will speak to homeowner.
10. Motion by K. Ace to approve request by Ms. Joanne Fillimon to donate two commemorative trees (one white and one pink dogwood) to be planted in Tracey Park;

2nd J. Mitchell; A. Jacobson, yes; D. Regan, yes; M. Rockland, yes; K. Roettger, yes; J. Mitchell, yes; K. Ace, yes. Motion approved.

11. Forester’s Report:

**FORESTER’S REPORT
TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
OCTOBER 2016**

Planting:

- Cerbo Garden Center is ready to start the first week in November for the deferred spring planting.
- Refined the list and double checked it. Notice of planting letters were mailed to those people on the list.
- Found homes for the trees that were the replacements for tree removals at 78 Western and Lake Rd. Still finalizing planting locations for the 31 Sherman ginkgo replacements.
- Started preliminary work on Green Community Grant Planting species selection.

Miscellaneous:

- Went to Jersey City w/ K. Ace to evaluate the flexi pavers used in the tree wells in and around MLK Blvd.
- Continued dialogue regarding trees on the MLK Streetscape project.

Field Visits:

ADDRESS	INQUIRY/COMPLAINT	FINDINGS	STATUS
25 Colles	Declining tree	R maple 20” dieback, needs to be removed	Pending
Lincoln St by Park	Dead top of tree	Silver maple with dieback in close proximity to power lines.	Pending removal
32 Washington Ave	Trim request	Trim 2 trees for deadwood and training	Pending
22 Kenmuir	s/w complaint	S/W was already shaved	Closed
179 Washington St	Suckers on tree	No suckers were seen.	Closed
39 Elliott	Decaying white oak	White oak in front yard, with large decay on trunk and deadwood. Remove tree	Pending
121 Washington Ave	Decaying trunk	R maple 30” with trunk decay and large deadwood. Should be removed	Pending
Burnham Park	Dead trees are a danger to road	Opp 76 Burnham Prkwy has a lot of deadwood to trim; Opp 76 is a dead oak; Opp 80 is a dead white oak; Opp 82 dead tree Opp 84 dead tree By East Lake is a dead tree.	Trees should be removed or at least topped to make safe. Pending

Additionally, a 38”: DBH Ash Tree on Hazlett St. was assessed as hazardous and recommended for removal.

Arborist has park locations for CSIP grant trees.

Action: K. Ace will get required signatures for the grant.

A recommendation was made for two additional trees to be planted at the Coal Ave. parking lot.

12. EAB chemical discussion and vote was tabled to December meeting.

13. TD Green Grant: K. Roettger & A. Jacobsen reported on communications with the grant writer and MHS/ MSD. All requirements for a successful “narrative” seem to be on track.

14. Action Updates: Protection of Trees, no update, tabled till January meeting. K. Ace presented an idea for “a trees for parking spaces ordinance” for the commission to consider, discuss and form.

15. Recommendation for the STC to forewarn the Burnham Park Association regarding any tree activity by the town in the park. K. Ace already dialoged with BPA assuring them that they would receive communications.

16. Speedwell Ave: K. Roettger gave overview of Speedwell Ave., D. Regan will also be part of this section of the Downtown Tree Project. They will do a walk with Jennifer Wehring of the “Partnership” to discuss ideas.

17. Awareness: “Plant it Forward” Tree Sale. K. Roettger made motion that: “The STC currently does not have sufficient resources to take action on this idea”. 2nd, D. Regan. A. Jacobson, yes; D. Regan, yes; M. Rockland, yes; K. Roettger, yes; J. Mitchell. Abstain; K. Ace, yes. Motion approved.

Meeting Adjourned 8:50pm