

Minutes October 11, 2016
Morristown Shade Tree Commission

Present:

Kristin Ace (Chair)
Karl Roettger
Candy Beagles
Michael Rockland
Deb Regan
Andree Jacobson

Guests:

Rich Wolowicz (Forester)
Dennis Brophy (Waters & Bugbee)
Tom Carroll (KBI)

2. K. Ace stated compliance with the O.P.M.A.
3. a. Motion made by K. Ace to approve and accept the August 9th meeting minutes: 2nd K. Roettger: C. Beagles, yes; M. Rockland, yes; K. Roettger, yes; K. Ace, yes. Motion approved.
b. Motion made by K. Ace to approve and accept the September 13th meeting minutes: 2nd by K. Roettger: C. Beagles, yes; M. Rockland, yes; K. Roettger, yes; K. Ace, yes. Motion approved.
c. Motion made by K. Ace to approve and accept the September 27th meeting minutes: 2nd by K. Roettger: C. Beagles, yes; M. Rockland, yes; K. Roettger, yes; K. Ace, yes. Motion approved.
4. Open Public Portion: none
5. Mr. Dennis Brophy & Mr. Tom Carroll made a presentation on the Flexipave product. Flexipave HD is a recycled tire, stone chip and urethane product for tree wells. Mr. Brophy will follow up with a quote for Flexipave HD on the downtown South Street tree wells. Kristin Ace and Rich Wolowicz will make a trip to Jersey City to examine existing installations of Flexipave HD in tree wells. Mr. Carroll will provide details of product warranty.
6. Flexipave vote: tabled to November meeting awaiting additional information.
- 7/8. Meeting with Mayor & Business District Rejuvenation Project: K. Ace met with the Mayor and reported that he is on board with the plans for the downtown project. The cost for the project will be funded by the Streetscape project in the DPW budget. The mayor also approved the letter to the downtown businesses informing them of the project. Kristin will make a project presentation to the town council at the Oct. 25th meeting.

9. Arborist Report:

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Streetscape Projects

Speedwell Avenue (old one)

- 142 Speedwell Ave: needs to be replaced
- 159 Speedwell Ave: tree died; looks as soil was washed out

Martin Luther King

- Followed up on calls as necessary to review construction work and impact on trees

Meetings:

- 9/7/2016: Met w/ Kristin, Jillian, Rich Fernicola and Anthony re: shade tree program;
- Met with Rebecca Feldman re: CVS Landscape Plan. Prepared a report on the shortcomings of the plantings.
- Had a follow up meeting with Kristin, Rich Fernicola and Jillian Barrick to review management plan. I was asked to prepare an Ash tree 'location map' and that was prepared. (Will train DPW employees) (Ash Trees: 15 dead or dying, 61 fair condition, 103 good condition)

Park Tree Inventory:

- Finished Jacob Ford Park, Gramby Park and Woodhill Playground.

Planting:

- Did a lot of work in coordinating the fall planting program and letters were sent to property owners. Spoke to Cerbo Nurseries and he sent a list of available trees. There is replacement activity planned for the 78 Western Avenue, 5 Lake Street and 31 Sherman Place issues.

10. EAB chemical discussion & vote: motion made by K. Ace to table, K. Roettger 2nd: A. Jacobson, yes; C. Beagles, yes; D. Regan, yes; M. Rockland, yes; K. Roettger, yes; K. Ace, yes. Motion approved.

11. Annual Report/ Budget: K. Ace presented a draft copy of the 2016 annual report for review. Motion made by K. Ace to present the following budget to the town for 2017: NJ. Shade Tree Federation Dues: \$100, Arbor Day: \$2000, Public Relations, Awareness, \$1000, Continuing Education: \$1000. Total: 4100. K. Roettger, 2nd: A. Jacobson, yes; C.

Beagles, yes; D. Regan, yes; M. Rockland, yes; K. Roettger, yes; K. Ace, yes, Motion approved.

12. Action Updates:

a. Protection of Trees, Rich Wolowicz will meet with A. DeVizio in November.

b. Compensation of Trees Ordinance: Administration has approved the compensation ordinance proposal. Jillian Barack will be moving it forward.

c. TD Greenstreets Grant: no action yet taken by C. Beagles or A. Jacobson

13. Fall Festival: was considered a great success.

14. Moving Forward: K. Ace asked members with terms expiring 12/31/16 to decide on requesting a re-appointment. Also, the need for members to be prepared for a busy and dynamic 2017 STC agenda and to consider positions of secretary, vice-chair and chair for the upcoming year.

15. Awareness: K. Ace will ask for volunteers at the Nov. meeting to meet with Rebecca Feldman to discuss ideas.

16. Invitation to attend the Whippany River Historic Hike on Oct. 16th.

17. Meeting Adjourned at 8:45.