

**Minutes of Shade Tree Management Board
Borough of Madison
Madison, New Jersey 07940
Minutes of May 19, 2016 Meeting**

The Shade Tree Management Board held its regular monthly meeting on May 19, 2016 at 8:00 am in the Committee Room of Hartley Dodge Memorial, 50 Kings Road, Madison, NJ.

Call to Order

Gene Cracovia called the meeting to order at 8:05AM

Present: Gene Cracovia, Lauren Hagerstrom, Penny Garman, Vince Licardi, Alice Wade, Nancy Bruce, Stephen Miller

Also Present: Paul Allocca

Absent: Alan Andreas, Mike Kopas and David Maines

Minutes

April meeting minutes will be distributed subsequent to this meeting.

The Board addressed the following items of business:

Public Comments:

There were no public comments

Borough Tree Status

Penny reviewed procedures for spring tree planting, highlighting areas needing improvement. A new planting coordinator will be needed for 2017. The Board discussed options to improve the procedure. A meeting with DPW will be scheduled to review this year's experience and to discuss responsibilities moving forward.

TCC

One new case from Drew - comments due 6/7.

Budget

Budget approved at \$117,650. \$112,471 remaining. \$45,015 spent with Tree King and Honor. We have not paid for spring trees yet.

Parks Advisory Committee

Committee reviewed recent complaints concerning park maintenance issues. High School Day of Service coming up will complete unfinished projects from May Day.

FMST

Considering using donated funds to establish an arboretum in Summerhill Park.

Old Business

- Arbor Day successful despite rain and indoor location. FMST gave away 8 trees to residents.
- Heritage House meeting held 4/27 – additional study groups are being formed.
- NJ Tree Conservatory looking for comments on draft of eliminating/controlling invasive plants on the hill at MRC
- Site Issues: Train station ash tree is stressed, Mike to talk with Barlett on options. Kings Rd/KRE zelkova's – STMB to make recommendation for alternatives. Board agreed there is no need to replant zelkova's. There is interest in planting behind sidewalk - need to review site details.

New Business

- Ash trees – Penny to provide location of 211 Madison ash trees to inspect during Windshield Survey. . It is too late for Madison to treat trees this year.
- New Windshield surveys due 7/1

Board adjourned 9:30am.

Minutes submitted by Lauren Hagerstrom