

**Shade Tree Management Board**  
**Madison, NJ 07940**  
**Minutes of March 18, 2021**

The Shade Tree Management Board held its regular meeting at 8:00AM on Thursday, March 18, 2021 using the Borough's Zoom meeting tool.

**Call to Order** by Chairman Gene Cracovia. Reading of the Sunshine Law.

*Members present:* Alan Andreas, Nancy Bruce, Kate Bartley, Gene Cracovia, Stephen Miller, Brian Monaghan

*Members absent:* Judy Honohan, Vince Licari, Tom Salaki

*Liaisons present:* John Hoover (Council), Rich Wolowicz (Arborist), Joan Maccari (MEC), Chris Schorr (Friends of Madison Shade Trees), Lisa Ellis (DDC)

*Liaisons absent:* Ken O'Brien (DPW)

*Residents:* Craig Erezuma

**Minutes:** February 2021 minutes approved as corrected.

**Public Contacts/Correspondence:** Rich reported that in the previous month there were only a few public tree service requests. He assessed 3 Tree Permits involving the removal of 5 trees and the planting of 1 new tree.

Craig Erezuma from Boy Scout Troop 7 reported that planning continues on planting evergreens that may become a future Waverly Place Christmas tree. When the plan becomes more defined a document proposing the plan should be presented to the Board.

**Council Liaison:** John Hoover reported on an enhanced Sidewalk Replacement Program and that a Complete Streets Committee meeting will take place on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who has traffic or pedestrian issues should contact a member of that committee. Revised Cook Ave. Parking Lot plans have been received and will be made available for review.

**Spring 2021 Planting:** Plant Detectives has been selected to supply 112 trees for spring planting. The next steps are to send out a revised resident planting letter and to mark-out where the trees should be planted.

**Arbor Day:** Madison has been awarded Tree City for the 36<sup>th</sup> year and the Growth Award for the 16<sup>th</sup> year. Due to scaled-back celebration plans, Arbor Day will be celebrated with a tree planting in Summerhill Park. It will take place on either April 30<sup>th</sup> or May 1<sup>st</sup> (May Day).

**TCC (Technical Coordinating Committee):** Elm St. building plans are being revised.

**Madison Projects:** Wayne and Anthony road re-construction bids will be opened on 3/30. Protection of tree roots have been included in the detail specifications. Main St. pear trees between Prospect and Green Village are being pruned.

**MRC Project:** Brian reported that the Girl Scouts will be planting 250 tree seedlings on the back side of the MRC meadow. This event will take place on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Financial Report:** (provided after the meeting) 2021 budget \$154,500; expended \$478.06; encumbered \$94,521; remaining balance \$59,484.57; unexpended \$154,006.51.

This Month: Paid \$478.06 - Richview Consulting; pending \$2,296 - Great Swamp Greenhouses, LLC. At this point in the budget cycle, the 2021 STMB budget remains the same as it was in 2020.

**National Arbor Day Conference:** Nancy reported on 2 new ideas:

- Tree Climbing Activity Day – under professional supervision, residents are taught the basics of tree climbing.
- Sick Tree Day – residents make an appointment on one particular day for an arborist to assess a ‘sick’ tree.

**Parks Advisory Committee:** Discussion took place on guidelines for planting memorial trees in parks.

**Friends of Madison Shade Trees:** Chris Schorr reported that FMST is working with the Borough and John Taylor (Judy’s son) on a Judy Mullin tree memorial which is currently being planned in Memorial Park. Constraints include location, deer and the need for soil amending.

**MEC:** Joan reported that planning has started for a Madison Sustainable Garden Tour.

**Sustainable Madison:** Madison was awarded the Silver level and was recognized for accumulating the most points of similar sized municipalities.

Submitted by Gene Cracovia