

**Shade Tree Management Board**  
**Madison, NJ 07940**  
**Minutes of February 20, 2020**

The Shade Tree Management Board held its regularly scheduled meeting at 8:00AM on Thursday, February 20, 2020 in the Committee Room of the Hartley Dodge Memorial, 50 Kings Road, Madison, NJ.

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

*Members present:* Gene Cracovia, Judy Honohan, Brian Monaghan, Stephen Miller, Alan Andreas, Nancy Bruce, Vince Licari

*Members absent:* Alice Wade, Tom Salaki

*Liaisons present:* Maureen Byrne (Council), Joan Maccari (MEC), Ken O'Brien (DPW),

*Liaisons absent:* Paul Allocco (Parks Advisory)

*Borough Staff present:* Frank Russo,

**Minutes:** January 2020 minutes approved as submitted.

**Public contacts/correspondence:** The ash tree on the Luke Miller property will be re-evaluated in June. The Borough was praised for its quick response of tree clean-up on Green Hill following the tornado. Frank Russo will monitor a construction site on Woodland where a trailer had been parked under a Borough tree.

**Council Liaison:** no report

**Tree Protection Ordinance:** Council vote is scheduled for February 24. Once passed, the ordinance will be in effect though enforcement is dependent on a yet to be contracted arborist. FMST has provided a written response to mis-information in an opposition flyer.

**Borough Tree Status:**

Spring planting: Tree order for 120 trees is out for quote. Planting sites (24) are marked on Main St. A plan to deal with rejection of tree planting by residents should be in place.

Contacts/removals/pruning: 3 work orders to be sent to DPW otherwise up to date.

Borough tree in front of Takuma Restaurant was improperly pruned (topped) without approval from Vince or DPW.

**TCC (Technical Coordinating Committee):** Betz Auto is putting in a new sign with no tree impact.

**Financial Report:**

2019 Budget		\$130,500
Expenditures-	Honor Tree	\$29,190
Total expended YTD		\$108,963.93
Encumbered		\$21,140
Unexpended		\$21536.07
Remaining Balance		\$396.07

2020 Budget		\$130,500
Encumbered	Tree King	\$1,000
Remaining Balance		\$129,500

**Parks Advisory Committee:** Dog park fence will go in next week.

**Friends of Madison Shade Trees (FMST):** Chris Schorr is working with Lisa Ellis on banners for Main St. Earth Day is April 25. Joan will ask Chris to participate with a discussion of the value of trees.

**Old/New Business:**

*Tree workshop:* The Garden Club and FMST is sponsoring a lecture on the impact of climate change - it will include the impact on trees. 2020 STMB workshop ideas include: Recommended plantings for Madison, Value of trees, Chris Schorr's Rotary presentation on canopy trees.

*Green Vision Forum:* for students at Rose Hall on March 19.

*Gibbons Pines:* STMB and Parks should develop a plan to create improved park space before tree replacement. Stumps still need to be ground.

*FDU Baseball Fields:* Any trees removed will be replaced 1:1 or money contributed to the Tree Fund.

**Action Items:**

Judy: Draft letters to residents who requested and will get a tree, or will not get a tree.

Tom: With Parks committee develop plan for Gibbons Pines.

Submitted by Judy Honohan