

Shade Tree Management Board

Madison, NJ 07940

Minutes of March 16, 2023

The Shade Tree Management Board held its regular meeting at 8:15AM on Thursday, March 16, 2023, in the Borough Committee Room and via Zoom.

Call to Order by Chairman Gene Cracovia

Statement in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting of the Shade Tree Management Board was provided by transmitting a copy of the meeting notice to the Madison Eagle, Morris County Daily Record, posting a copy on the bulletin board at the main entrance of the Borough Hall, and filing a copy in the Office of the Clerk, all on January 11, 2022. Copies of said notice were made available to the general public.

Members present: Gene Cracovia, Stephen Miller, Judy Honohan, Kate Bartley, Stephen Miller, George Limbach, Tom Salaki,

Members absent: Brian Monaghan

Liaisons present: Chris Schorr (FMST), Bridget Daley (MEC), R. Wolowicz, R. Erlich.

(Alternate attendance format)

Name	Present	Role	Name	Present	Role
Bartley	x	Member	Miller	x	Finance
Bruce	x	Member	Wolowicz	x	Arborist
Cracovia	x	Member	O'Brien	x	DPW
Honohan	x	Member	Daley	x	MEC
Vacant		Member	Schorr	x	FMST
Limbach	x	Alternate	Erlich	x	Council
Monaghan		Alternate	D. Miller		Parks
Salaki	x	Member			

Minutes Approval:

Motion to approve and accepted.

Public Contacts/Correspondence:

- Honor Tree have removed trees at Parkside and the neighbor is keeping the wood on private property.
- March Private trees
 - 5 permits inspected.
 - 10 trees removed.

- 21 tree planting required.
- 2 recommended replanted.
- 14 Glenwild
 - Homeowner requested removal based on a neighbor's tree falling.
 - Removal was denied.
 - Appeal was submitted.
 - Appeal denied (7-0)
- 5 Sherwood – post removal
 - 5 trees removed.
 - 19 replacements
- 71 Green Village
 - Lloyd Builders
 - Proposed tear down
- 131 Green Village
 - Lloyd Builders
 - Proposed tear down and subdivision
- Discussion took place educating public and builders regarding trees as a collective resource.
- 34 Walnut - Richard Romano - next to senior center requesting we review the trees to be removed along the property line.
 - Plan was approved by planning board.
 - No changes can be made to this plan now.

Spring/Fall Tree planting

- Tree purchasing was approved through Plant Detectives.
- Letters to be sent out this spring and Judy will coordinate with DPW.

Council Liaison

Engineering:

- Dodge Playground equipment ordered.
- Pickleball Court plans approved.
- Cook Parking Lot project proceeding.

TCC - No update

Arbor Day/Tree City

- April 29, 2023
- We will be doing standard events including school kids and tree give away.
- Events will take place in either front plaza or in train station lot.
- Madison has been awarded another Tree City USA and Growth Awards

Parks Planting

- Rotary Tree Planting Project – meeting scheduled after this meeting.

Drew Forest Update

- Site reviewed for significant trees to be submitted to the state. Tour led by Sarah Webb.
- It was noted that the forest, as a whole is significant, not only its individual trees.

Budgets

Year to Date – 2023 Budget (Total budget of \$190,200)

- Expended: \$3,425.38
- Encumbered: \$127,550.62
- Remaining Balance: \$59,205.88
- Unexpended: \$186,755.62

This Month

- Paid: \$3,425.38 - Richview Consulting (Arborist)
- Pending: \$18,467.00 - Plant Detectives Inc. (Agricultural Supplies)

Tree planting Strategies

- Mixing varieties of planting on streets.

Open Space: No Report

Friends of Madison Shade Trees (FMST):

- Chris Schorr reported that Beth Riley presented garden design for Rose Park. Significant fundraising efforts to raise money for the rehabilitation.

MEC:

- April – Earth Month
 - April 3-28 Native Plant Sale – Pick up May 6th at Bridget Home
 - Electric vehicle exp – Wednesday April 19th 1-5 pm
 - April 20th 7pm – Green Home Energy Forum – community arts center in rose hall
 - Saturday April 29th – Madison Green and Clean and Townwide Yard sale, 9am-2pm
 - Environmental Com will be hosting native seeds and plant sale by Toadshade Wildflower Farm
 - Recorded ‘Natures Best Hope’ presentation by Doug Tallamy at the Museum of Early Trades Education Annex
 - Presentations on Madison Public Schools Pollinator Habitat – education and weed pulling.

Submitted by,

Tom Salaki