

**Shade Tree Management Board**  
**Madison, NJ 07940**  
**Minutes of June 17, 2021**

The Shade Tree Management Board held its regular meeting at 8:00AM on Thursday, June 17, 2021 in the Borough Zoom meeting room.

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

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

*Members absent:*

*Liaisons present:* Joan Maccari (MEC), Rich Wolowicz (Arborist), Chris Schorr (Friends of Madison Shade Trees), Ken O'Brien (DPW), Lisa Ellis (Borough), John Hoover (Council)

*Liaisons absent:* Michael Pelessier (Communications), Bridget Daley

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

**Public Contacts/Correspondence:** Ash trees will be removed if they are more than 20% dead. On Old Greenhouse Lane a resident removed trees on an adjacent property when the line was unclear. Property line has been adjusted and the resident will replace improperly removed trees. Twelve permits issued in May for removal of 42 trees with 10 requiring replacement planting. To date in June 4 permits have been issued for 6 removals with one required replacement.

**Council Liaison:** Madison has received a \$500,000 grant to make Dodge field and playground ADA compliant. Plans for use of 2021 and 2022 Federal funds of about \$1.8 million are being developed.

**Public 2021 Planting:** 112 trees have been planted this spring. Hope is to plant an additional 15 or so this fall to meet resident requests. Approval was given for \$4,000 of STMB funds for tree planting at MRC meadow. It will be combined with Open Space funds and \$2,000 from Friends of Madison Shade Trees. Parking lot #3 euonymus plantings need pruning once those responsible have been trained.

**TCC (Technical Coordinating Committee):** No report.

**Drew Forest Preservation:** Borough Council approved the Drew Forest Preservation Resolution. Ray Codey is working closely with Drew in seeking a win-win resolution for both the borough and University. There is a public guided tour of the forest planned for Saturday, June 19 at 11:00.

**Financial Report:  
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2021 Budget		\$154,500.00
Expenditures-	Honor Tree \$14,643 Richview \$2,145.12	\$16,788.12
Total expended YTD		\$18,457.64
Encumbered		\$96,737.36
Unexpended		\$136,042.36
Remaining Balance		\$39,305.00

**Parks Advisory Committee:** Tom Salaki has stepped down as Chair. The Parks Master Plan will have to be revised and rebid.

**Friends of Madison Shade Trees (FMST Chris Schorr):** Friends will plant about 15 additional trees in Summerhill and Memorial Parks. DPW may be able to help and other costs will be covered by Friends. They will continue to meet through the summer on Zoom to support the efforts to preserve the Drew Woodlands.

**MEC:** Is working in support of the Drew Forest Preservation effort. They will have a table at the Madison Farmer's Market.

**Open Space:** No meeting.

**Action Items:**

- Gene and Judy will meet with DPW to clarify planting process and procedures.
- Chris will provide a specific plan and locations for the planting of 15 trees.
- Alan will attend the next TCC meeting on July 6 at 2:30 in the Committee Room
- Gene will send an email with details of the Drew Forest Tour.
- Judy will compile a list of 2018 plantings to inform pruning needs.
- All: complete windshield surveys by July 15 meeting.

Submitted by Judy Honohan