

Shade Tree Management Board
Madison, NJ 07940
Minutes of July 16 and 23, 2020

The Shade Tree Management Board held its regular meeting at 8:00AM on Thursday, July 16, 2020 on Rosenet Zoom. Meeting was interrupted at 8:09 and resumed on July 23 at 8:00AM in Cole Park. Attendance is recorded for the 8/23 meeting only.

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

Members present: Gene Cracovia, Judy Honohan, Stephen Miller, Nancy Bruce, Tom Salaki,

Members absent: Alice Wade, Brian Monaghan Alan Andreas, Vince Licari

Liaisons present: Maureen Byrne (Council), Joan Maccari (MEC), Rich Wolowicz (Arborist), Frank Russo (Borough Engineer)

Liaisons absent: Ken O'Brien (DPW)

Minutes: June 2020 minutes approved as corrected.

Public contacts/correspondence: The ash tree on the Luke Miller property will be removed. There have been 27 routine inquiries regarding public trees. Eighteen trees will be removed, 11 streets are designated for tree pruning by Honor. Two trees on Glenwild were removed and need replacement. The zelkovas on Kings Rd are dying most likely as a result of sidewalk work and repairs. DPW should adopt sidewalk repair techniques and materials that do not compromise the health of adjacent trees. Once repaving is complete on Albright and Beverly the sidewalks will be done.

Council Liaison: No report.

Tree Protection Ordinance: Nine permits for removal of 15 trees have been approved since June. There are nine replanting obligations and one recommended. The FAQ sheet on the ordinance was included in the recent electric bill. Rich is now directly receiving the Arborist emails.

Borough Tree Status: Spring/fall planting: 2019 Main Street spring plantings all look good. Status of the contract with Barton for 120 spring 2020 trees is unknown. They may be able to provide all trees but sassafras for a total of 107 for fall planting. Fall planting is heavily impacted by leaf removal obligations and the possibility of storm damage clean up.

TCC (Technical Coordinating Committee): FDU baseball field work is approved and now in Resolution Compliance Review. FDU has replanted about 50 trees lost or damaged in the tornado.

**Financial Report:
July 15, 2020**

2020 Budget		\$154,500.00
Expenditures-	Honor Tree	\$8,279.50
	Richview Consulting	\$1,427.62
	Alpha Graphics (insert)	\$378.00
	MCMUA mulch (gift)	\$240.00
Total expended YTD		\$22,984.68
Encumbered		\$90,773.32
Unexpended		\$131,515.32
Remaining Balance		\$40,742.00

Parks Advisory Committee: Painting contract for Luke Miller Forge has been signed and will be paid by Madison Historical Society. The draft RFP is ready for Parks Master Plan bids. Delbarton Park will be the pilot program involving the local community. There is funding available from BPU, and NJ Forestry.

Friends of Madison Shade Trees (FMST): No report

Old/New Business:

MEC: The Environmental Commission was praised for its website content and relevance and its much more visible active presence in the community.

NJ Transit beech: The replacement beech tree has itself been replaced at no charge. The irrigation system killed the first planting.

Action Items:

Gene will follow up with Ken on the Barton contract.

Maureen will check on possible desk and phone at borough hall for Rich.

Alan, Rich and Gene will coordinate TCC review for smoother operation.

Tom, Vince and Ken will determine sites for the Gibbons Pines replacement pine trees. They will also work with the Garden Club regarding swale plantings.

Submitted by Judy Honohan