

**Shade Tree Management Board  
Madison, NJ 07940  
Minutes of October 19, 2023**

The Shade Tree Management Board held its regular meeting at 8:15 AM on Thursday, October 19, 2023. It was a hybrid meeting in the Borough’s Committee Room and a Zoom link.

**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, 2023. Copies of said notice were made available to the general public.

Attendance

<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Role</b>
Bartley, K	x	Member	Miller, S	x	Member
Bruce, N	x	Member	Daley, B	x	MEC
Cracovia, G	x	Member	O’Brien, K	x	DPW
Honohan, J		Member	Wolowicz, R	x	Arborist
Trynin, R		Alternate	Schorr, C	x	FMST
Limbach, G	x	Alternate	Ehrlich, R	x	Council
Monaghan, B	x	Member			
Salaki, T	x	Member			

**Minutes Approval**

Motion to approve September minutes; motion carried.

**Arborist report:**

**Tree Removal Permits**

September

- 14 permits inspected
- 18 trees to be removed
- 10 planting obligations
- 12 recommended planting
- 1 tree denied permit to remove

October (partial)

- 13 permits inspected
- 22 trees to be removed
- 4 planting obligations
- 10 recommended planting

**Service Requests**

September

- 15 requests
- 18 trees
- 10 remove

- 4 prune
- 3 no work
- 1 yard questions

October (partial)

- 16 requests
- 45 trees
- 2 remove
- 40 prune
- 1 no work

### **Public Trees:**

- Windshield surveys substantially done.
- Fall Main Street plantings (32 trees) start next week.

### **Private Trees:**

- Discussion of elm tree that was removed at Rose Hall.
- Discussion of issues between neighbors regarding dead ash trees on Spring Garden Dr.; neighbors should try to resolve on their own. If trees are dangerous, contact the Board of Health.
- 133 Green Village Road. Will Lloyd re-designing seepage tank to save pin oak in front.
- Encroachment by builder next to Summerhill Park.
- Delbarton Park off Delbarton and Niles: residents using public land. Problem: ash trees dying on 'annexed land'.

### **Council Liaison Report, Rachel Ehrlich:**

- Bob Vogel gave update on all the current and completed engineering projects.
- MRC trails and multipurpose court basically complete.
- Library renovation starting soon.
- Discussion of keeping cars from parking on lawn at MRC.

### **STMB Budget Report**

Total Budget 2023: \$202,200

- Expended: \$132,259.69
- Encumbered: \$59,252.96
- Remaining Balance: \$10,687.35
- Unexpended: \$69,940.31

Paid:

- \$11,262.50 - Honor Tree Service (removals and pruning)
- \$989.97 - FMST, Rose Garden Park
- \$4,157.05 - Richview Consulting (Arborist)
- \$800.00 - NJ Shade Tree Federation Conference

### **Zoning Board/TCC Cases:**

64-66 Park Ave. - Rich and Dennis will verify that Zoning Board stipulations, including tree removals are being implemented.

### **MRC**

- No Parking signs ordered, and police potable sign used to direct overflow parking to High School lots. Need a permanent solution.
- Deer fencing needs to be fixed. Slow process due to need for multiple bids.

### **Rotary Tree Planting Project:**

Goal is to plant 100 trees in the next three years to celebrate 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

First three sites for Phase one of project: Lucy D Anthony, Library, Madison Ave. water tower.

Tom has identified sites and tree species.

Planting to be done by NJ Tree Foundation.

**Tree ID walk/ Waverly Christmas Tree**

- Bridget suggested that Ginger Van Ryzin, educator with Great Swamp Watershed Association, lead a tree ID walk. Possibly one in spring and a second in fall. Kate B. will work with Bridget on this project.
- Question arose about cutting evergreen each Christmas. Should STMB be involved.

**Partner Organizations:**

**MEC:**

- Bottle Hill Day this Saturday
- October 25 and Nov 8, Friends of Drew Forest to attend the Morris County Commissioners board meeting

**FMST:**

Discussed injection into Landmark Elm Tree Elm between 14 & 16 Keep St.; George provided Chris with names of homeowners.

**Open Space:**

Discussion of committing \$125,000 towards purchase of old Masonic Lodge on Main Street. A donor has contributed \$1,000,000 towards the purchase. Space may be used as a Senior Center.

**Parks:**

Has received 4 proposals for a master plan of parks. It will take approx 6-8 weeks to review.

Submitted by George Limbach