

STC MINUTES 4/16/15

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Commencement: 7:05 pm

- Roll call: present: Jim Bieber, Margot Pohl, Henry Semmler, liz stewart, liaison Councilwoman Murphy
Absent: Charlie Amorese, Jennifer Dougherty, Liz Anievas
- Approve minutes from March 19, 2015

Budget

Waiting on Budget Requests – will meet with Alan and Geeta after final budget approved next week

Construction/Development:

- YTD - # 32 Bonds on file (previous numbers were off due to pending sites that did not have a tree)
- Cherry Blossom Park Plans – reviewed plantings: STC recommendations are to remove Nandina and Redbud since they are short lived. Recommend adding #2 more shade trees (Tulip Poplar) and some native fruiting bearing trees. Recommend to add bronze plaques into the design as a teaching element like we have in the arboretum. Will submit to be reviewed.
- Discussed Planning Board and STC not getting plans to review as we did in the past. There are several Kinderkamack Rd. businesses doing construction. Councilwoman Murphy said that a grant is pending to do streetscaping in these areas in which case we would be involved in that design.

Correspondence:

- Reviewed draft of form for residents to fill out and submit. All approved use of form. Jim will reformat so we can place it on our website page.

Meeting & training update:

- The Mayor of Rutherford (Mayor DeSalvo) requested to meet with RESTC to discuss making their Shade Tree Committee into a Commission. He was invited to our meeting but did not attend. We will set a date to meet with him in the future.

Other:

- Continue updating 2014 workorders in new Tree Files system
- Arbor Day planning: Friday 4/24 (Roosevelt 11a, Cherry Hill 1:15a)
 - o Tree Awareness Bracelets – will be given out to 3rd graders (84 for cherry hill, 84 for cherry hill) from STC
 - o Tree Seedlings from State were picked up 250+ (an additional 300 were picked up from towns who did not show to get theirs) - will be at library 4/17-until gone. Some will go to Women's Club to give out at schools. Some will go for Cherry Hill Tree farm.

Tree Planting 2015:

PO's submitted for Tennis Court planting. Planting pending for May.

On-going Projects/5-year plan:

- o 2015 – Management Plan ends. Submit for grant and continue to work on throughout year.
- o Revise STC brochure – Jim to see if he has old copy we can work with to update. Councilwoman Murphy suggested more pictures. The brochure can go in the Borough Hall and library for residents.

DPW update:

- o Reminder about pesticides around trees
- o Gypsum for salt was placed around trees by STC to protect from winter salt
- o Went over pruning in Memorial Park as season starts up

Adjournment: 8:00pm

Next meeting: Thurs. 5/21/15 - this meeting was cancelled due to lack of majority attendance.