

Moorestown Tree Planting and Preservation Committee

February 13, 2018 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM with Dave Daily, Dawn Bohr, Jay Hartman, Sandy Daniels, Lisa Petriello, Kathy Logue, John Gibson, Brian Leusner, and John Greim in attendance.

The January meeting minutes were accepted as read.

Public Works Report

1/9/18-2/13/18

- 38 tree trims
- 6 removals
- 4.5 days- call-ins
- 1.5 days-checking on contractor work
- 1 day- taking holiday decoration down
- 2 days-work on year end report for state
- 1.5 days- equipment maintenance
- 1.5 days-snow prep and pretreatment of areas
- 3 days- snow removal
- 1 day- Christmas tree removals
- 2 days- fence repair in parks
- 1 day- cleaning storm drains
- 2.5 days-cleaning stream bed @ South Valley pumping station
- 2 hours- safety training

The annual accomplishment report has been turned in and accepted. Brian showed us a sample of the Spotted Lantern Fly which is a new invasive that has been found in North Jersey and Pennsylvania. This insect affects many kinds of trees and other vegetation.

The survey markers at Strawbridge lake are for a water study that will be done when weather permits. The 2017 work plan total numbers are:

- 105 inhouse tree removals
- 208 inhouse tree trims
- 68 trees planted
- 11 emergency call-ins
- 22 contractual removals
- 195 contractual tree trims
- 23 contractual emergency calls
- 31 CSIP removals
- 14 CSIP tree trims

The proposed tree ordinance was presented to township council at their workshop meeting. There were some questions and comments. John spoke with them. The committee is undecided about listing the penalties table but some feel this would be a deterrent to anyone thinking of violating the ordinance. The violations and penalties are from state law.

The value of Moorestown trees at the time of inventory was about \$50 million and remains about the same today.

Arbor Day will be at the Upper Elementary School on April 27th. We will be meeting at the school next week to pick a spot and to discuss student participation. The NJ Tree Recovery Program is giving us 500 seedlings and Rotary will take 150 of them.

The Rotary will be planting trees at Locust Park on the small side. They will fund and plant 10-15 trees and also the 150 seedlings.

Lisa presented a draft of the Town Green on the former library site. The handicap ramp at the rec center will be replaced too.

The Environmental Committee sent the tree committee about a Roots for Rivers Restoration Grant that they are interested in applying for. The tree committee will support the environmental committee but would not take the lead in this project.

Meeting adjourned at 9 PM.