

## Moorestown Tree Planting and Preservation Committee

June 13, 2017 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 with Dave Daily, John Gibson, Sandy Daniels, Jay Hartman, Carl Cutler, Dawn Bohr, Brian Leusner and guest Anthony Zappasodi from Moorestown Community Development in attendance.

The May minutes were accepted as read.

### Public Works Report

5/10/17—6/13/17

20 trims

11 removals- 3 were Ash

11 days-call-ins

1 day- road mowing

2 days-checking on CSIP grant with Rich's Tree Service

4 days- tree planting

3.5 days-mowing

1.5 days- prepping Memorial Field for Memorial day

1 day- hanging flags and hanging flower baskets

1 day- general maintenance

The ash tree at Jeff Young Park was treated for the second time along with the 2 trees at the bottom of Pleasant Valley Avenue.

Rich's Tree Service will be coming back to finish the work on the CSIP grant. Brian will take pictures of the work and will send to the state.

There was discussion on EAB to update Anthony on the infestation.

The proposed tree ordinance was sent to Karen Daily and Tom Merchel to look over. We can just amend the current ordinance. Karen has given an amended copy to Anthony to make changes. Anthony went over the various laws that involve encroachment, open space and tree ordinances. Repeal and adopt a new ordinance is one choice to do or amend and revise the current ordinance is another choice. Anthony will review the ordinance and will come to the next tree meeting with his changes.

Town council has hired a communications firm which can help get the word out to the public when the future ordinance gets approved.

John asked Anthony about releasing bonds on new developments and how they work. This is information the tree committee wants to have as it involves trees. There have been trees planted that are not on the approved tree planting list and some have died and not been replaced. The maintenance bond is a 2-year automatic bond that starts when the performance bond has been finished.

The new approved tree planting list is attachment 8 to section 158 which has to do with subdivisions.

The tree committee has never been consulted about any new developments and the committee would like to be involved to recommend trees for planting.

There are 6-7 trees left to plant for spring planting. There are conflicts on Main Street to plant trees at Healthy Garden and cabinet company sites. There can be one put by Quinn House on West Main.

John will compile the updated ash tree evaluations and send the results to the committee.

Brett Knowles is the new director of public works.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 PM