

Moorestown Tree Planting and Preservation Committee

September 11, 2018 Minutes

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

The August minutes were accepted as read.

Public Works Report

8/15/18- 9/11/18

6 tree trims

6 removals

6.5 days- call-ins

11 days- mowing

2 days- road mowing

.5 days- pick-up parts

$\frac{3}{4}$ day- Put up flags

Greg and Brian surveyed areas for Spotted Lantern Fly. They did not find any but Greg suggested checking pallets in industrial parks.

PSE&G has a new contractor named ARS Corp that is doing power line clearance in the west side of town.

The Zelkova tree at Church and West Main is lifting the sidewalk and cracking the cemetery wall and needs to be removed.

Kathy has sent a draft of a letter that will go to landscapers and tree services about the new ordinance to John. John will meet with the new township manager later this week to discuss it. Lisa suggested having info about the ordinance at STEM Steps Out.

The CSIP grant was awarded and the next step is procuring sites for 35 trees of 4-5 species. Then a landscape plan must be submitted. Dawn will give Brian the necessary information.

The tree pruning is ongoing with just a few people in attendance. There was a request from Perkins to prune trees in the arboretum which has been done.

Dawn has read through the last 5 year management plan and will give us information at the next meeting as to what we should add or change.

The Shade Tree Conference is October 18-19. Most members will be going.

Sustainable Moorestown wants an update on the ITree report for their files.

John met with Kara Buss, the new director of Perkins. Perkins is responsible for 25 feet surrounding the house but would like the committee to reevaluate the trees in the rest of the property.

STEM Steps Out is the first Sunday of October and the committee will have a table there with information on EAB, mulching, Spotted Lantern Fly, etc. Brian suggested bringing a bucket truck and giving information on what public works does with trees. John will contact STEM.

There is a dead tree at Fullerton Park right in the middle of the playground. Brian will contract out the removal.

A homeowner at 200 East Wilson has asked for help with a public tree hanging over her deck. Brian will check to see if the tree is within the right of way. The pruning group might be able to take care of it.

Lisa spoke about Moorestown becoming a part of Bee City USA program to get residents to be aware of the need for pollinators and ways that we can encourage their habitats. Jay suggested sowing wildflower seed in some open spaces and not mow that area.

Meeting adjourned at 9 PM.