

Minutes

Middletown Tree Commission

January 19, 2012

Attending: Paul LaMond, Alan Kirby, Bob Johnson, and Karen Day

Finances:

- 2011: We spent \$21,371 during 2011 which included \$4586 for the Maintenance Program, \$4650 for Tree Planting Incentive Program (94 trees), \$10,135 for Tree Planting, and \$2000 for moving the zelkova at the Polo Center.**
- 2012: We start the year \$15, 302 and hope to receive our \$3600 grant from America-the-Beautiful after supplying them with invoices and canceled checks for our tree planting efforts. We should have \$18, 902 for programs this year. \$7000 is committed to Maintenance and our Tree Planting Incentive Program. The remaining funds should allow us to plant additional trees and/or expand our Maintenance Program.**

New Business:

- We will need to have our advertisement for Maintenance Program bids in the Newport Daily News soon. Alan will review the specifications we have used in the past and also review possible older trees in need of more involved maintenance.**
- The need to maintain our older trees, as well as our newly planted trees, was discussed. Alan will note possible trees that need**

attention but we ask all the members to note any trees they feel would benefit from maintenance and email him. We can compile and list which we can use to develop and working plan. One suggestion is the elm trees behind the Christmas Tree Shop.

- The Homeowner's Association's President of Island Drive has approached the Tree Commission about the possibility of their Association and the Tree Commission collaborating on a tree planting program. They would share the expense with us as we replace the pear trees currently planted in the neighborhood as it is needed with larger, more significant trees. This type of program might have the potential to expand to other neighborhoods.

The meetings for 2012 were scheduled.

January 19, 2012 (Special Meeting Date)

February 23rd

March 29th

April 26th

May 31st

June 28th

July 26th

August 30th

September 27th

October 25th

We usually do not schedule a meeting in November or December.

The location of each meeting is Middletown Town Hall at 3:00 PM. Meetings are subject to change as circumstances dictate. Special meetings may be held for the same reason.

Questions may be referred to Paul LaMond at 846-7521

Karen Day, Secretary