

Middletown Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

For the September 28, 2016 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Karen Day at 4:00 in the Middletown Library Conference Room.

Those attending were: Karen Day, Bill DiMarco, Chuck Di Tucci, Alan Kirby, Bob Johnson, BJ Northrup-Owen and Charlie Silvia

1. Finances:

There is approximately \$37,000 in the checking account.

- All major invoices have been paid.
- Includes
 - \$13k Town contribution for Valley Park trees
 - \$7.5k From Town for the rest of the town's trees.
 - \$6k From The Newport Horticultural Society for Valley Park trees
 - A \$2,000 Grant from the Alice B. Mayer Trust previously mentioned
 - \$430.00 From the Island Drive Homeowners Association as their share for tree planting in their neighborhood.
- We are awaiting \$2,000 from DEM (America the Beautiful Grant).
- We will receive \$8,000 From the van Beuren Charitable Trust in December.

2. Old Business:

- The Tree Incentive program has funded 89 trees as of this meeting date.
- The monster Rocks are still awaiting pickup at The Peckham's
- The future budgets for the Valley Park were discussed
 - It is hard to plan this project without input WRT future budgets

- Karen was to send an email to Shawn inviting him to meet with us to discuss this subject.
- Bob updated the tree database, and forwarded it to Bill.

3. New business

- We briefly reviewed the landscaping plan for the new National Grid substation on Jepson lane and it was decided to ask for elevation drawing also.
 - Karen sent an email to Ron W. requesting such and suggested that, in the the future, we should get elevations for all review projects.
- Karen suggested that , since we have very few homeowner requests thus far, we could devote some of our regular planting money to the Valley project.
- Alan removed excessive mulch and loam on two trees on Indian Hill Road put there by the homeowners' landscaper.
- It was decided to update our web page.
- The next two meetings are 10/27 and 12/8

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:00

Respectfully submitted,

Bill DiMarco, Secretary