

Middletown Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

For the December 8, 2016 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Karen Day at 4:00 in the Middletown Library small conference room.

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

1. Finances:

There is approximately \$38,500 in the checking account.

- All invoices have been paid.
 - Includes the America the Beautiful Grant (\$2k)
 - Does not include \$8k From the van Beuren Charitable Trust which should come in this month
- It was decided not to apply for next year's America the Beautiful Grant, but to concentrate on tree maintenance. This grant requires matching funds.
 - Karen took an action item to inform the powers to be that administer the grant that we will not apply next year, but will apply in the future'

2. Old Business:

- Valley Park
 - A very nice drone taken picture of the park was presented by Chuck. We are indebted to Gary Paquette who took the photo with his drone with an able assist from Chuck. They are both out on bail.
 - Alan compared it with the DPW drawing and said that it compares very well. The implication being that the trails as built look very much like the trails as designed, and therefore, Alan can use the design drawing for the landscape design.

3. New business

- Two requests came in for tree pruning.
 - 36 Forest Ave and 267 Green End Ave.
 - Alan took an action to look at said trees.

- Two landscaping plans were reviewed
 - 985 Aquidneck Ave.
 - The plans we received had no scale and it was difficult to determine if the proposed trees would provide enough of a barrier for the neighbors. It was decided that we need a view of the property before making a decision.
 - Prescott Point
 - There was an issue with a statement on the plans about the number of trees that would be planted vs. the number of trees shown, when the list and the drawing disagreed.
 - For both of the plans above, Karen took an action to send an email to Ron with our concerns.

The next meeting will be on January 26, 2017, 4:00 at the Library.

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill DiMarco, Secretary