

Minutes
Middletown Tree Commission
May 25, 2017, 4:00

Attending at Middletown Library: Karen Day, Bill Di Marco, Chuck DiTucci, Bob Johnson, BJ Northrup-Owen,

Financial:

- \$46,480.44 currently in account (no change from last month)
 - Does not count check written to Yardworks for \$24,662 for the Valley Trees.
 - Does not count check written to nurseries for subsidized trees of \$1,845, \$300 and \$50 to Moore Blooms, Chaves and Boulevard respectively.
 - After above checks clear this will leave approximately \$20,000 in our account.
- The town turned down our additional request for \$4,200 for the Valley
- In response, the Alice B. Mayer Trust told us that they would award us that amount!

Old Business

Valley Park:

- The trees are stored at the park awaiting planting
- All the tree locations have been staked by Tree Commission members
- Planting should begin very soon

Street Planting 2017:

- The Ginkos have been staked at Boulevard and High street. TJ Brown, says that they are on schedule
- All Island Landscape quoted us \$485/tree for three purple plums. They will plant 5 trees including the plums. They have not started yet

Maintenance

- Atlantic Lawn and Garden to start very soon. Kinder has yet to respond

Tree incentive program

- 44 trees to date; 37 Moore Blooms, 6 Chaves, 1 Boulevard.

New Business

- As mentioned above, we received an additional award for \$4.2k from the Alice B. Mayer Trust for the Valley Park.
- A meeting was held at the Park with Craig Hotchkiss, a representative of the RI Tree Council on May 19. Attending were Karen, Alan, Bill and Shawn.
 - Craig was excited about our project and had many ideas for the use of the park for different grants and programs

- Bill Took an action item to send Craig more information about the park
 - Bill update the web site and sent it to Craig
- Craig's response indicated the desire for future cooperation.
- A dead tree on Valley park was noted.

The next meeting will be on June 29, same time, same place

Respectively submitted
Bill DiMarco, Secretary.