

Minutes
Middletown Tree Commission
June 29, 2017, 4:00

Attending at Middletown Library: Karen Day, Bill Di Marco, Chuck DiTucci, Alan Kirby
Bob Johnson, Charlie Silvia

Financial:

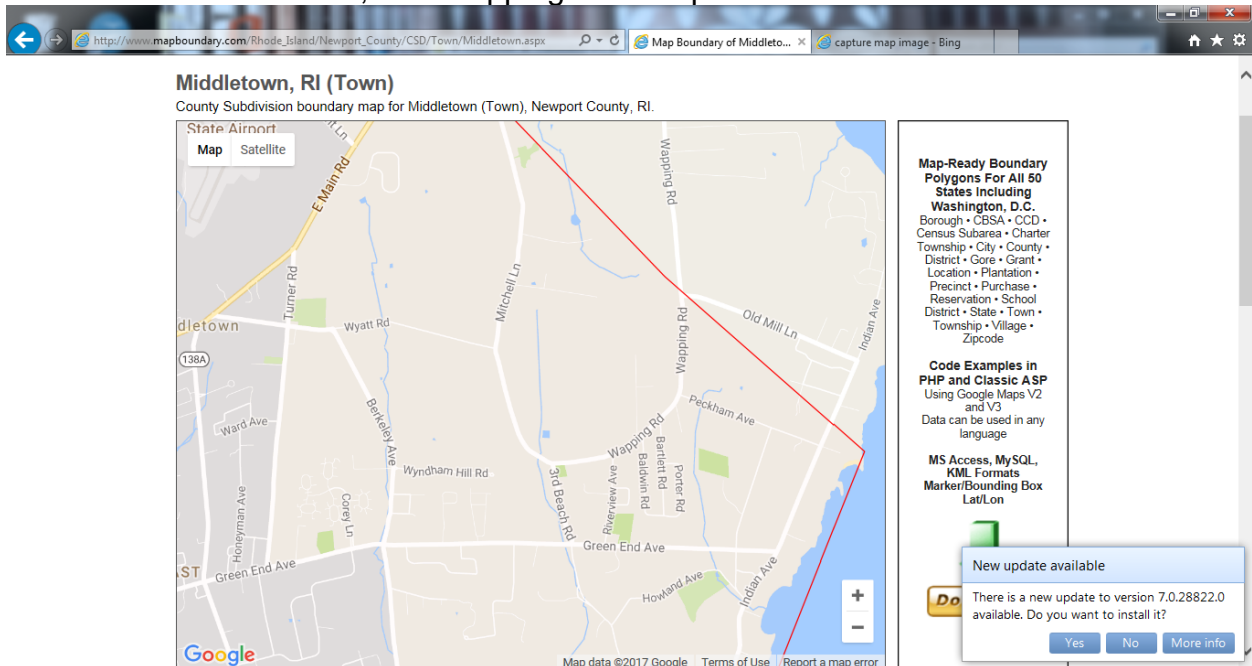
- \$22,309 currently in the account
 - After all work is done and invoices paid (not received yet) we will have about \$15k left minus tree subsidy payments.

Old Business

1. Valley Park:
 - Is done!
 - Karen to draft a letter to Shawn regarding our thoughts on the park other than tree planting and maintenance.
 - Items;
 - Park maintenance
 - Short three rail fences or large boulders to keep people off the old path.
 - Dog litter bags
 - Dog littler bag receptacle. It could be placed inside the park to prevent people from throwing trash in ti, or it could have a small input slot
 - Mowing
 - Recommend Open space commission
 - About 5 trees appear to be dead and 3 or 4 very sick (southern areas).
2. Street Planting 2017:
 - The 5 Ginkos at Boulevard and High street have been planted by TJ Brown . Haven't received an invoice yet.
 - All Island Landscape has not started yet
3. Maintenance
 - Kinder has completed Squantum Drive entrance and Debby and Laura Lanes
 - Brown's Lane and Demory Park Scheduled for after July 4th.
4. Tree incentive program
 - 65 trees to date; 54Moore Blooms, 9 Chaves, 2 Boulevard.

New Business

- Based on Karen's proposal, we have been awarded \$20k towards next years Valley Park planting by the van Beuren Charitable Foundation
- Karen had a request from a homeowner about some “sick” trees
 - 3 Trees at 215 River Run and Prospect
 - Alan inspected them
 - One has to come down and two have to be trimmed.
- We reviewed Forest Avenue School landscaping plan for their redesigned parking lot.
 - Our only comment was to try and save an existing 12” caliper Copper Beach.
 - Karen to find out who to talk to about this
 - Possible move to Valley Park was discussed
 - Timing is probably a problem with moving tree
 - Alan had previously discussed this with someone, but never received a response.
- A dead Zelkova in front of Library was noted.
- Bill suggested several tree plantings on new homeowner's property at corner of Wapping and Peckham Ave.
 - Bill took an action item to determine if that was in Middletown or Portsmouth.
 - As can be seen below, yes it is in Middletown. All of Peckham Ave is in Middletown, and Wapping is also up to the corner of Old Mill Lane.



The next meeting will be on July 29, same time, small conference room

Respectively submitted
Bill DiMarco, Secretary.