

Minutes Middletown Tree Commission
Meeting Date: April 26, 2018

Location: Middletown Public Library

Time: 4:00 PM

Attending: Karen Day, Alan Kirby,, BJ Northrup-Owen, Bob Johnson, Bill Di Marco

Items Discussed (Votes taken will be noted at the end of each item discussion):

1. Finances Currently \$51,548.09 in the bank
 1. Includes Alice B Meyer trust money and van Bueren Foundation grant and yearly town commitment.
 2. Town council still owes us \$50,000 for Valley Park.
 3. Rotary has promised \$1,500 for tree subsidy program
 4. Committed
 1. For Valley Park Plantings \$89,000
 2. \$3,600 for maintenance (awarded to Kinder)
 3. \$3,500 for subsidized trees
 4. \$2,070 (+\$95 for stumps). This will be covered by Public Works
 5. Estimated balance is \$5, 448.09 after all of the above.

Action taken: Accepted

2. Grants Discussed.
 1. van Beuren Charitable Foundation grant will be rewritten to reflect maintenance needs of Valley Park
 1. Action: Alan Kirby will formalize his Maintenance plan by June 1
 2. Aquidneck Land Trust Proposal was completed and submitted
 3. A grant proposal to the RI Foundation Community was submitted by Karen
 4. Newport Fed Program is not applicable
 5. For both the Savings Institute and the Prince foundation, we need a CPA to perform a formal audit

Action taken: Accepted

Old Business

1. The town produced and read an Arbor Day Proclamation. We now have fulfilled all our requirements to be a Tree city
2. Benches will be installed in VP before September by DPW
3. VP planting has begun
4. There are dog bags at all VP entrances
5. Bill took an action to see if Tree database SW has been fixed
Report accepted

New Business

1. Requests came in for trees in Mitchel's Lane and Orville Drive

Action Taken; Possible planting this fall based on budget considerations.

Next meeting is on May 31, 2018

Respectfully Submitted by: William Di Marco, secretary