

Minutes Middletown Tree Commission  
Meeting Date: June 28, 2018

Location: Middletown Public Library

Time: 4:00 PM

Attending: Karen Day, Alan Kirby, Tom O'Loughlin, BJ Northrup-Owen,  
Chuck Di Tucci, Bill Di Marco

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

1. Finances Currently \$43,121.80 in the bank
  - a) Includes \$2,500 From Aquidneck Land Trust for VP
  - b) Have paid for about 2/3 of Valley Park planting (\$59,220)
  - c) Outstanding contractual commitments this year other than VP
    1. \$3,589 for maintenance (awarded to Kinder). Not done yet
    2. \$2,070 (+\$95 for stumps). This will be covered by Public Works.
    3. Ongoing subsidized tree payments.

Action taken: Report Accepted

Old Business

1. Boulevard Nurseries is waiting for the last 5 trees to be delivered.
2. Number of subsidized trees up to 70 as of 6/26.
3. Tree request by resident at 145 Island drive. Issue with location of tree.
  - a) Action; Site to be viewed by Alan.
4. Kinder is ready to plant street trees 7 + (1 possible at 145 Island Drive) .
  - a) Action; Alan to stake positions ASAP.
5. It was noted that the required trees on the Wave Ave. building were still missing.
  - a) Action; Karen to inform Ron

Old Business Report accepted

## New Business

1. We attempted to review landscaping plans for the 24 house, new development off Peckham Lane.
  - a) The plans seem to be preliminary and did not include a landscaping plan so there was nothing to review.
  - b) BJ (from her position on the planing board) told us that the developer was asking for a waver to not plant street trees.
  - c) No vote was taken, but it was obvious that the Tree Commission was against this.
  - d) Action; Karen to inform Ron that we had nothing to review.
2. Tom mentioned that trees in front of the Jewish cemetery look sick
  - a) Action; Alan to evaluate
3. Tom noted that trees planted by contractor on the King Fischer right of way to water do not look healthy.
  - a) Action; Alan to evaluate
4. BJ asked about large trees north of Town Hall on East Main Road that appear to be very sick or dead.
  - a) Tom responded that it is a state problem and that he has previously informed them about the trees but no action has been taken.
  - b) Action; Tom to follow up with the state.

Action Taken; New business report accepted

Next meeting is Thursday July 26, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted by: William Di Marco, secretary

Minutes Middletown Tree Commission  
Meeting Date: May 31, 2018

Location: Middletown Public Library

Time: 4:00 PM

Attending: Karen Day, Alan Kirby, Tom O'Loughlin, BJ Northrup-Owen,  
Chuck Di Tucci, Bill Di Marco

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

1. Finances Currently \$44, 895.07 in the bank
  1. Have paid about 2/3 of Valley Park planting (\$59,220)
  2. Outstanding contractual commitments this year other than VP
    1. \$3,589 for maintenance (awarded to Kinder)
    2. \$2,070 (+\$95 for stumps). This will be covered by Public Works
    3. Subsidized trees
  3. Estimated balance will be approximately \$5, 000. after all of the above.
  4. Corrigan Financial put in for an extension for our tax return
  5. We received \$1,500 from The Middletown Rotary towards our tree subsidy program.
  6. We received a grant for \$2,000 from the Aquidneck Land Trust

Action taken: Report Accepted

Old Business

1. VP planting in full swing. Boulevard Nurseries having trouble finding certain species.
  1. Action: Alan to check with Boulevard WRT to species
  2. Action: Karen to inform Boulevard that we know what has been planted
2. Yardworks will replace dead trees in VP from last year's planting after this summer.
3. The dog waste bags at VP are all gone and need to be replenished.
4. Bill's email to Open Tree Map was not returned.
  1. Action: He will try again
5. There are about 65 trees left to be planted in area 3. This will be the 3'rd and final phase of tree planting at Valley Park, maybe next year.

Old Business Report accepted

## New Business

1. Karen submitted a 3 year proposal to the van Bueren Charitable Trust for Valley Park tree maintenance. It is for \$10k a year based on Alan Kirby's maintenance plan.
  1. A discussion ensued about getting volunteers to help with VP tree maintenance and perhaps save some money towards establishing an ongoing maintenance fund for the park.
2. Karen wrote a grant proposal to the Rhode island Foundation for \$10,000.
3. Karen to prepare a proposal due In September to the Savings Institute Foundation for \$8-10k.
4. We received a tree planting request from 15 Bliss Mine Road
5. Bill commented that he updated the tree commission web pages.

Action Taken; New business report accepted

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