

Minutes Middletown Tree Commission
Meeting Date: July 26, 2018

Location: Middletown Public Library

Time: 4:00 PM

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

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

1. Finances Currently \$42,833.53 in the bank
 - a) Outstanding contractual commitments this year
 1. \$3,589 for maintenance (awarded to Kinder). Maintenance not done yet.
 2. \$30,000 for Valley Park (not planted yet because of hot weather)
 3. \$2,070 (+\$95 for stumps), Street Planting. This will be covered by Public Works.
 4. Ongoing subsidized tree payments. To date 78 trees have been purchased and paid for.
 - b) We were awarded a \$10,000 grant From the RI Foundation based on Karen's proposal. The check has not yet been received.

Action taken: Report Accepted

Old Business

1. Street trees were staked by Alan and Bill.
 - a) There is still some confusion about 145 Island drive.?
2. Kinder is ready to plant street trees ASAP.
3. Karen did report to Ron WRT to missing trees at 60 Wave Ave.
 - a) Karen to write 3rd note to Ron saying that if the trees are not to be planted, the Tree Commission would like the respective money so that we can plant trees.
 1. It was noted that there does not appear to be room to plant the proposed trees because of the parking lot dimensions
4. Street tree maintenance not performed yet. Kinder is having trouble hiring.
5. A discussion insured WRT to plans approved and not followed. See above and new business below.

Old Business Report accepted

New Business

1. We reviewed the landscaping plans for MacDonald's restaurant on West Main Road.
 - a) The plans show a planting of several arborvitaes on the NE corner of the property apparently to screen car headlights from bothering the neighbor. Several other plants are shown but no other trees.
 1. Press reports indicate that there may be trees cut down. If so, they are not indicated on the plan.
 - a) Action; Karen to respond to Ron with our approval of the arborvitaes if the neighbor agrees, and to ask, if any trees are to be removed, we would like to withhold our approval until we review said drawings.
2. We reviewed the landscaping plans for Patriot Petroleum on the corner of Aquidneck and East Main Road.
 - a) The plans are confusing because they were labeled with the wrong project/address. Tom cleared this up.
 - b) The plan does not show any tree removal if any.
 - c) We have no issue with the trees to be added.
 - d) Action; Karen to write Ron indicating that we are reserving comment until we have further information on the above.
3. We reviewed the landscaping plans for the proposed hotel on 44 Wave avenue .
 - a) This is a plot of land that has no trees at this time. Therefore, we are happy to see that the plan indicates the planting of 10 trees and a number of bushes.
 - b) Action; Karen to write Ron of our approval and the fact that the plan, once accepted, should be followed unlike what is occurring at 60 wave ave.

Action Taken; New business report accepted

Next meeting is Thursday August 30, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted by: William Di Marco, secretary