

Minutes of the  
Middletown Tree Commission  
Meeting Date: August 27, 2018

Location: Middletown Public Library

Time: 4:00 PM

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

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

1. Finances Currently \$42,035.40 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 completed yet because of hot weather)
  - b) Ongoing subsidized tree payments. To date 86 trees have been purchased and paid for.
  - c) We received our yearly \$7,500 from Town. Not yet deposited.
  - d) Karen paid Corrigan Finances \$400 to do taxes.
  - e) Karen sent in a grant proposal to the Savings Institute Financial Foundation for \$5,000.
  - f) So far we have \$10,000 from the RI foundation and \$2,500 from the Aquid-neck land Trust committed to phase 3 Valley Park.
  - g) Per John Bollard, Rotary has also committed funds for the Park, from both national and local Rotary organizations, but the total is unknown at this time.

Action taken: Report Accepted

## Old Business

1. We reviewed the new and improved landscaping plans for Patriot Petroleum on the corner of Aquidneck and East Main Road.
  - a) The plan still does not show tree removal if any.
  - b) We have no issue with the trees to be added.
  - c) Action; No objections to new plan. Karen to write Ron indicating that we are reserving comment until we have further information on the removal of trees.
2. Purple plums on Berkley are sick. A disease seems to be attacking these trees on the Island.

3. A dead tree on Valley Road near the YMCA was noted.
4. WRT to missing trees at 60 Wave Ave;
  - a) Ron's response to Karen's email suggested that Karen get in touch with building inspector.
    1. It was noted that there does not appear to be room to plant the proposed trees because of the parking lot dimensions
    2. Alan given action to estimate the cost of trees proposed but not planted.(3 Amelanchiers 'Autumn Brilliance' ,8'-10',1 Acer Rubrum, 'October Glory' )
5. It was noted that proposed hotel at 44 Wave avenue has a few hurdles yet before it can proceed.
6. It turns out that resident at 145 Island drive purchased his own tree. We now have an extra tree that may be planted at 641 Mitchel's lane.
7. McDonald's responded that they were not removing any trees in their landscaping efforts.
8. Last remaining trees, in this phase, at VP should be planted in the next two weeks.

Old Business Report accepted

#### New Business

1. John Bollard indicated that the Rotary would like to get involved in hands on activities with the commission. Amongst other things, he is proposing 3 cleanups over the course of a year at VP.
  - a) Karen suggested that we use any remaining money from the tree subsidy program to plant 2 red maples at 13 Orville Drive. The resident is requesting trees to be planted. Kinder has a very good price for these trees
    1. Action given to Alan to see if that address would warrant said trees

Action Taken; New business report accepted

Next meeting is Thursday, September 27, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted by: William Di Marco, secretary