

Moorestown Tree Planting and Preservation Committee

April 10, 2018 Minutes

The meeting began at 7:30 pm with Dawn Bohr, Jay Hartman, John Gibson, Dave Daily, Sandy Daniels, Carl Cutler, Kathy Logue, Lisa Petriello and Brian Leusner in attendance.

The March minutes were accepted as read.

Public Works Report
2/14/18- 4/9/18

51 tree trims
12.5 days- call-ins
.5 days- Tree City USA
3.5 days- snow prep
4 days- plowing
4.5 days- sidewalk clearing
1 day- presalting sidewalks
.5 day- safety class
2.5 days- equipment maintenance
22 days and counting- storm clean-up
2 removals
4 removals by Hyperion

The worst hit trees from the storms were red maple, sawtooth oak, evergreens and pear.

Brian has dropped off a list of the tree selection to homeowners that want trees for spring planting. More sites for tree plantings are needed.

Kathy sent out a press release for Arbor Day.

The tree ordinance was approved at the first reading at council. There were some questions about privately owned trees endangering township property, assessment tables, utilities interference. It was decided to remove tree replacement assessment table since it is already in state law. There was also questions on removing privately owned trees.

The second reading of the ordinance will be on April 23 and will incorporate any changes.

Arbor Day will be at the Upper Elementary School. Plans are all set with Stacey doing the Proclamation, John doing Tree City USA. Four trees will be planted and sites will be marked out in the next week.

Jay will pick up the 500 whips that the state has donated for Arbor Day. We will give 150 to Rotary for their Locust Street Park planting which is on April 14.

There is a CSIP grant coming up for ash tree replacement. The majority of the application is done but Dawn needs some info from public works. The application is due on April 23rd and needs to be council approved. The grant is up to \$30,000 but we would ask for maybe up to \$17,000 which would give us about 49 trees.

The tree remembrance/ memorial tree policy needs to be looked at and it will be addressed at our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.