

January 9, 2020
Middlesex Municipal Building

The regular meeting of the Middlesex Shade Tree Commission was held on the above date at the Middlesex Borough Hall and called to order by Secretary Linda Chismar:

“This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law in that the requirements of the law have been met by the Annual Meeting Notice which has been forwarded to the Courier News and posted in the Municipal Building on December 5, 2019”

Members:	Dan Gitler (absent) Sean Johnson Jim Gorman (absent) Jason Bond Jeff Killian
Council Rep.:	Douglas Rex
Secretary	Linda Chismar

Sean Johnson made a motion to nominate Jason Bond for the Chairman of the Commission for 2020 seconded by Jeff Killian and carried by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Sean Johnson made a motion to nominate Dan Gitler for Vice Chairman of the Commission for 2020 seconded by Jeff Killian and carried by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Chairman Bond opened the meeting to the public. Seeing that there was no public participation, Chairman Bond closed the public portion of the meeting.

Chairman Bond made a motion to approve the December 5, 2019 Meeting Minutes seconded by Jeff Killian and carried by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Chairman Bond moved to accept the December, 2019 Finance Report seconded by Mr. Killian and carried by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Chairman Bond mentioned that in 2021 he will be the Chairman of the NJ Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture.

Communications

1. 379 Union Ave. – Chairman Bond looked at these trees and noted that the one tree that was dead on the Grant Avenue side of the property needs to be removed.

2. 28 Edward Avenue – Chairman Bond looked at this pin oak that is across from this property and feels that it needs removal of the dead branches and a low elevation to clear the fence and services wires. This tree is tagged blue.
3. 405 Edgeworth Street – Mr. Johnson will check on this tree in front of property that has homeowner concerned about rot and squirrels living in it.

Work Agenda

1. 56 George Avenue – DPW removed this tree.
2. 437 Edgeworth Street – Mr. Gitler will look at this tree to see if it needs to be removed.
3. 311 Lincoln Boulevard – Commissioner Johnson will clip the top of this tree that has died, as the rest of the tree is healthy.

Unfinished Business

- A. Update on Remaining Work from 2020 – Commission gave approval to submit voucher for the outstanding work that was remaining from 2019.

New Business

- A. Commission will prepare the Community Forestry Management Plan Annual Accomplishment Report for 2019 at the February Meeting.
- B. CSIP Grant – Commission agreed that they move forward to work on this Grant once the Community Forestry Management Plan Annual Accomplishment Report has been completed. If received, these funds could be used predominately to establish a tree inventory for the borough.
- C. Tree Seedling Spring Order Form – Chairman Bond & Commission discussed ordering 25 seedlings which include: Cornelian Cherry, Pawpaw, Persimmon, Atlantic White Cedar and Shellbark Hickory. These seedlings will be picked upon April 15 at Round Valley. Also, Chairman Bond will be scheduling a Tree Presentation to be held at the Library again this year for Arbor Day.
- D. Tree proposal for 2020 Planting – Commission agreed to review this proposal either at the February or March, 2020 Meeting.
- E. Commission would like the Secretary to see if the Borough could get two Salem Oak Tree seedlings that were intended to be distributed for Middlesex Borough.

Mr. Bond moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Killian and carried by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Linda Chismar, Secretary

NEXT SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY,

FEBRUARY 13, 2020 – 7:30 PM
MIDDLESEX BOROUGH HALL

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please call Linda at 732-356-7400, Ext. 238

