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Regular Meeting Date: January 27, 2022
Middletown Tree Commission
Location: Zoom Meeting
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Time: 4:00 P.M.

Agenda:

Finances (Our 503 (c) Middletown Tree Association)

- Regular Checking: $21,121
- Maintenance: $52,300

Old Business:

- Review street planting: Alan has reviewed the Slate Hill Farm area and has made a recommendation.

PLANTING SUGGESTIONS FOR BID 2022

Island Drive Location Requests
Acer rubrum - Red Sunset or October Glory maples
Quercus palustris – pin oak
No ash (Fraxinus) species

Hatch, East Main Road
2 Cornus Kousa (dogwood) Better suited to this busy location than C. florida

Slate Hill Farm Potential Planting
North Drive - #5,9,12,13
South Drive - #4,5,10,7,12,9,14,16,18,15,22,24,28,21
Even numbered sides have wires and odd numbered sides do not (except #4 does not)
Under wires
Cornus kousa – dogwood
Prunus autumnalis – Autumn cherry
No wires
Cercidiphyllum japonicum – Katsura tree
Liquidamber styracuflua – Sweet gum
Quercus rubra – red oak
Nyssa sylvatica – Tupelo

Lacrosse field
- South side already has trees for shade
- East side could use up to 5 spaced trees along the bank separating the baseball fields.

- At the north end, if there is room without conflicting with the fields or parking, up to 5 Trees could be spaced to create shade if there is space so usable shade could be created On their north side.

He has made the suggestion if all the planting can not be done, we concentrate on South Drive.

- Review Lacrosse Fields Plans: I contacted Neil Harrell who is the contact person for Island Lacrosse. He seemed very enthusiastic. This was his response:

    - Yes, we would love to partner with you. The planting of trees at the new fields has been a goal of ours (Island Lacrosse) since the beginning of the project 3 years ago. And yes, we would be willing to share in the cost of the project. I've got donors and local nurseries lined up who would like to help as well.

I will follow up with him.

- Review Walkway plans for Valley Park Extension:
    - Bob Hanley had a discussion with Ron about the walkways. This was the response;
        - Rita contacted RIDEM regarding the grant agreement and was told that RIDOT (?) is now involved in review of trails grants. We should expect to get the agreement around March. No grant-funded work can take place before the agreement is signed. Unless we were planning construction in early spring, I'd say we wait a bit on the notice

          We'll need to wait and see what this means.

        - I offered my assistance for writing a new grant for the completion of the walkways. Ron appreciated the help and wants to see what the possible plans for replacement of Rita are.

- Review maintenance locations:

New Business:

- Plans for bid requests

- Partnership with the library for Earth Week Celebration.

Next Meeting: February 24, 2022. We'll need to see if it is a Zoom meeting.

All items on this agenda may be considered discussed, and voted upon.

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