



Meeting Notes February 28, 2019

Old Business

- Barbara shared list of Shade Tree Calendar Events 2019. This list was approved and events will begin to appear on the City Calendar and be posted on Facebook.
- Discussion on PR/prize materials continues. Barbara will investigate with local printers about logo printed safety vests and aprons for Committee members and volunteers. The Heritage tree cards are \$5 per set. These may be purchased for raffle prizes etc.
Development of a Sponsor Letter was discussed. Sponsors may donate prizes and tree related materials to be shared at Shade Tree events. Possible businesses to approach may include Ayres and Galloway, Maples Farm, Jansen Nurseries, and Manza Farms.
- Thursday May 2, 2019 at 3:30 pm was chosen as the day and time to meet at Davidge Park. Our monthly meeting will be held in the Pavilion and the Committee will investigate potential planting site(s).
- Volunteer sign-up sheet - Barbara brought sketch of a Volunteer sign-up sheet in Excel format

New Business

- Shade Tree Committee will be tabling at the April 25 Earth Day event at SUNY Orange, Middletown Campus, 10 AM -2 PM
- ReLeaf update: Andrew Revkin will be at the ReLeaf conference on Saturday July 20th. He will not be the Conference's keynote speaker but will attending and assist in doing a "call to action".
- Tree City Recognition March 21st in Albany. It turns out that Middletown has in fact been selected to become a Tree City. This is great news!! City officials and Shade Tree Committee representatives have been invited to attend the 3/21 Tree City Recognition ceremony.
- Outreach to 5th Grade teachers for future Arbor Day posters. Middletown School District was discussed and Mary Ellen will reach out to a teacher she knows. Posters are due at the end of the year so this would be a Fall activity for students.
- Potential "Then and Now" images. Barbara will contact the Middletown Historical Society.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday March 28, 5:00 at Mulberry House lower level, 62-70 West Main Street Middletown, New York 10940

Respectfully submitted by Kirsten Gabrielsen