

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-53

RESOLUTION OF THE RADNOR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CHARGING THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF PROTECTION OF WOODLANDS AND TREE CANOPY IN RADNOR TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, The Radnor Township Board of Commissioners seeks to advance the protection and preservation of our important natural resources; and

WHEREAS, The Radnor Township Comprehensive Plan sets forth specific objectives to achieve “better tree/woodlands protection, management and regulation”, “reinforce tree protection requirements, and “work to preserve remaining natural woodlands in the Township”; and

WHEREAS, The Radnor Township Shade Tree Ordinance and the process of its implementation are in need of review.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby *RESOLVED* that the Shade Tree Commission shall:

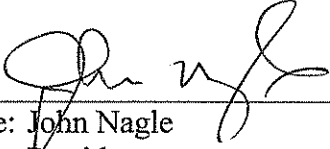
1. Work to accomplish the actions set forth by the Board of Commissioners Community Development Subcommittee on August 23, 2010. Specifically:
 - A. Identify ways to address the issue of the replacement of large trees with small trees. Potential solutions include but are not limited to the use of multiple lists (segregated by size) of appropriate replacements, replacement ratios, and offsets.
 - B. Identify ways to increase the use of large trees in large parking facilities. Potential solutions include but are not limited to the use of scaled relationships between the size of the parking facility and the type of canopy tree, the requirement for larger planting islands, modification of the relationship between the number of spaces and the number of trees, and specification of the technical requirements for the material and installation around the root of the trees in parking facilities.
 - C. Evaluate if the Township’s current definition of Heritage Tree is appropriate and to identify an alternative definition if applicable.
 - D. Investigate if the Township is using the enforcement powers of the existing ordinance appropriately and to report back to the BOC.
2. In addition, the Shade Tree Commission is charged with the following
 - A. Research and document the depletion of woodlands and tree canopy of Radnor Township and its deleterious effects;
 - B. Research and identify the contributing factors to the depletion of woodlands and tree canopy of Radnor Township;

- C. Review in further detail the existing Shade Tree Ordinance to identify any shortcomings in its language and/or execution in addition to those identified by the Community Development Subcommittee;
- D. Research and review a potential woodland protection ordinance that would provide protection to this resource similar to the protection currently afforded steep slopes, wetlands and riparian buffers;
- E. Identify and recommend amendments or additional ordinances that would address the issues identified; and
- F. Identify and recommend other methods, if applicable, of addressing the identified issues such as education and landowner or industry outreach.

SO RESOLVED, this 11th day of October, A.D., 2010.

RADNOR TOWNSHIP

By:


Name: John Nagle
Title: President

ATTEST:


Matthew Baumann, Secretary