

**Shade Tree Commission of Radnor Township
Wayne, Pennsylvania
Minutes of the Meeting of January 15, 2020**

The Shade Tree Commission of Radnor Township at 6:30 PM in the Radnorshire Room of the Radnor Township Municipal Building, 301 Iven Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087

Present: Eileen Brett, Chair, Virginia Hart, Clare Griton, James Gibbons, Seth Reeser, Matt Golas

Absent: Frank Perras

Seth Reeser called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Annual vote for Chair and Vice Chair

- Chair – Eileen Brett **Approved 5-0**
- Seth Reeser **Approved 5-0**

Meeting Minutes – December 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes **Approved 5-0**

Virginia Hart, Clare Griton, James Gibbons, Seth Reeser, Matt Golas

Permits

- A. **GP19-213** 10 Radnor Way
- No attendance
- B. **GP20-001** 24 Orchard Lane
- Dave Schreiner & Steve Schreiner reviewed plans
 - 79 trees on the site,
 - To be removed: 17 White Ash or declining trees, 1 Red Maple, 1 Ginkgo, and 1 White Pine
 - 10 Compensatory Tree 2 Sugar Maple, 1 kousa Dogwood, 1 Merrill Magnolia, 2 Redrqage Black Gum, 1 White Oak, 1 Redmond American Linden

The Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission recommendation: **Approved 5-0**

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787 Darby Paoli Road – Heritage trees

- Jason from Jet Green Tree Service reviewed plans
- 9 trees to be removed (5 are Heritage)
 - John Hosbach noted that 6 trees are Hazardous however, a 42” Oak, 40” Oak ad 40” Walnut do not meet the criteria of a Hazardous tree. If removed, they will need to be replaced at 6 per tree for a total of 18 trees
- John Hosbach has recommended 18 replacement trees
- No work to be done until they submit to the township a plan.

Public comment – Laura Luker is concerned about run off

The Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission recommendation: Owner to replant 18 new trees or submit check to the township in lieu of.

Approved 5-0

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Tree Removal without approval/ Clearing Permits

Trees Removed without Approval

- None at this time

Clearing Permits - None at this time

Trees Removed without Approval

Violation Notices

- None at this time

Clearing Permits

- None at this time

2019 YE Report/2020 Goals

New Business

- Matt Golas updated the Commission on the trees in the Parks

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Old Business

None at this time

Public Participation

None at this time

Hazardous Trees

797	Darby Paoli Road	1 Poplar, 1 Ash, 2 Oak, 1 Walnut (See Letter from Rockwell regarding other trees not approved)
8	Meadowood	36" DBH Red Oak
570	Maplewood	34" DBH Red Oak

Tree Removal by Radnor Township

- *None at this time*

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Sherwin

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2020 Radnor Township Shade Tree Committee Goals – DRAFT – Jan2020

- 1) Implement the Master Street Tree Charter
 - . Analyze street data and start park surveys – *Matt*
 - a. Address gaps by offering both Spring & Fall Plantings of both large and small trees.
 - b. Explore measuring the tree canopy – *Frank*

- 2) Keep the Ordinance Current and Effective
 - . Update ordinance (consider redefining a heritage tree to $\geq 25''$ DBH)

- 3) Serve our Residents via Proactive Communication – *Seth & Ginny*
 - . Increase Education and Awareness to help keep and improve Radnor’s Tree Canopy
 - a. Make it easy to obtain advise on existing trees of concern to keep everyone safe.
 - b. Advise residents during construction projects on how to protect existing trees.
 - c. Provide input on Key Issues (e.g. EAB, spotted lantern flies).

- 4) Manage Shade Tree Fund - *Eileen*
 - . Obtain Grant Funds – *Frank*
 - a. Plan & Utilize the funds provided in the 2020 budget
 - b. Provide budget request for the 2021 budget
 - c. Document trees removed and planted in our minutes - *Trish*

- 5) Partner with our Stakeholders
 - . Radnor Board of Commissioners (BOC)
 - a. Radnor Conservancy
 - b. Wayne Business District
 - c. Contractors
 - d. Developers
 - e. Radnor Township Staff (including Parks & Rec) - *Claire*
 - f. Other Townships
 - g. PECO – *Matt*
 - h. Local Universities - *James*
 - i. Local Golf Courses – *Seth (Overbrook)*

- 6) Be Green and Efficient
 - . Continue to minimize paper copies via 2 paper copies (1 to Matt; 1 at Meeting).
 - a. Make efficient use of our volunteer committee.
 - b. Benchmark and learn from other townships.
 - c. Make efficient use of our residents, developers and contractors time.
 - d. Develop a proposal to encourage the recycling of removed trees - *Seth*

- 7) Maintain our Tree Canopy - *Matt*
 - Develop a maintenance strategy with the Township and BOC

*Seth and Ginny to
draft bullets to
better define goal*

