

**Shade Tree Commission of Radnor Township
Wayne, Pennsylvania
Minutes of the Meeting of May 20, 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, Frank Perras
Absent:

Eileen Brett called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes – January 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Approved 7-0

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

Permits

- A. **GP 200150** 389 Yorkshire Way
- Matt Paolino reviewed plans
 - Additional tree protection has been requested by the Shade Tree Commission around the existing 28” Sweet Gum. Matt has agreed to make best effort to save the existing Sweet Gum.
 - Tree Protection should also be around the
 - 14” Hemlock in front property is missing from plans, 27” Magnolia in rear of property is also missing from plans.
 - James suggested moving tree protection around the 8” Sweet Gum

The Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission recommendation: John Hosbach and Matt Golas to meet Matt Paolino at the site to discuss options for the 27” Magnolia. Add Tree protection around the 8” Sweet Gum.

Approved 7-0

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- B **GP 200253** 15 Ridgewood Road
- Drew Brayford along with Mike from Yerkes and Tyler from Schreiner Trees reviewed plans
 - 1 -34” Oak to be removed due to damage to the root system.

The Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission recommendation: Commission has asked to consider a \$1,5000 contribution to the Shade Tree Fund to help restore the tree canopy. **Approved 7-0**

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- C **SALDO 19-S-08** 117 Radnor Chester Road
- Patrick Stewart, Landscape Architect and Scott Emerson from Bentley Homes reviewed plans
 - 2 Heritage Trees have been deemed Hazardous and recommended for removal and replacement.
 - 33 replacement trees are required, they are proposing 6 canopy and 12 Evergreen and 45 Native Whips.
 - Steve Norcini suggested increasing the required plantings to help further buffer from the neighbors.
 - Eileen Brett suggested that they could also donate to the Shade Tree Fund (\$7.500). He would also like to see the required trees, per the Ordinance, planted instead of the Whips in lieu of.
 - Mr. Bentley has agreed to redo the calculations and show the trees on the plan, to meet the ordinance.

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The Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission recommendation: Make changes to the plans and come back for the June, 2020 Shade Tree Meeting. **Approved 7-0**

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Tree Removal without approval/ Clearing Permits

Tree Removed without Approval

• **328 Midland**

- Wayne Semisch, homeowner, explained the reason for the 6 trees being removed.
- Homeowner has plans to add additional trees.

The Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission recommendation: James and/or John to meet homeowner to review the possible hazardous tree. If Hazardous, submit hazardous tree report if not hazardous, attend June's meeting with replacement plan. **Approved 7-0**

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• **323 Conestoga**

- Kevin Monroe, Owner, explained reason for the removal of the 11 trees and plans for replacement. 9 were dead or covered in spotted lantern flies.
- Eileen explained that per the ordinance it would be a one to one replacement. None of them being large canopy.
- John Hosbach has asked the homeowner for a letter from a certified arborist whether or not the trees were at risk of dying.
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The Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission recommendation: Homeowner to come back in October with a plan and or letter on how he is proceeding. **Approved 7-0**

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• **124-126 Bloomingdale**

- Mike McShane and Rudy Celli explained reason for the tree removal and plans for replanting.

The Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission recommendation:

Approved 7-0

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Clearing Permit

328 Midland

323 Conestoga

124-126 Bloomingdale

2020 Goals

- a. Finalize 2020 Goals – Tabled for June 17th meeting
 - i. Goal #1: Fall Tree Planting
 1. Do we want to consider new pits along Lancaster Avenue?
 2. How does the cancellation of our Spring Planting impact the Fall Planting?
 - ii. New Goal – Continued Operations during COVID-19: - Tabled for June 17th meeting
 1. How do we want to operate going forward?
 2. How can we efficiently approve residential and commercial plans so as not to delay projects?

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New Business

- R2 Meter Bridge Construction – clearing and replanting plan review and Shade Tree Commission input - **Tabled**
- South Wayne Municipal Parking Lot – planting plan review and Shade Tree Commission input - **Tabled**
- Harford Trail - **Tabled**
- Radnor Township Amendment to the Tree Ordinance - **Tabled**

Old Business

- 476 Gateway Project
 - Steve Norcini gave update on the project.
- Fall Tree Planting Update – John Hosbach - **Tabled**
- Emlen Tunnell Tree Planting Update – John Hosbach **Tabled**
- Tree Assessment Matrix Update – John Hosbach **Tabled**
- Hartford Trail Update – John Hosbach
 - Steve Norcini reviewed plans and noted that 18 trees need to be removed from the trail. He is asking for the commission’s approval and/or suggestions for the proposed replacement trees to be planted (Black Gum, Red Maple, White Oaks and Willow Oaks).

The Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission recommendation: Tabled till the June meeting
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Hazardous Trees

200	Walnut Ave	36 DBH Sugar Maple
413	Chestnut Lane	42 DBH RED OAK
146	WOODED LANE	50 FT MAPLE
106	DEEPDENE	48 DBH MAPLE; 38 DBH MAPLE
113	Brooke Farm Road	30" Mulberry Tree
880	Briarwood Road	35" Ash; 37" White Pine
504	W Beech Tree	35" DBH Red Maple
606	Portledge Drive	32 DBH White Pine
220	Spruce Tree Road	55" DBH Silver Maple
596	Bryn Mawr Ave	41" DBH Tulip Poplar
402	Midland	34" White Pine
14	Haymarket	2 Ash; 1 Tulip Poplar 36" DBH

Trees removed by Radnor Township

4/18/2020	261 Upper Gulph Road	33" White Oak
4/30/2020	Lancaster & N. Wayne	22" Sephora

*Meeting Adjourned.
Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Sherwin*

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