

**Shade Tree Commission of Radnor Township
Wayne, Pennsylvania
Minutes of the Meeting of January 23, 2019**

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, Matt Golas, James Gibbons, Virginia Hart, Jack Millerick, Vice Chair, Clare Griton
Absent: Jeff Boogay,; Joseph Grazio

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

Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

Eileen Brett - Chair **Approved 6-0**
Jack Millerick – Vice Chair **Approved 6-0**

Meeting Minutes – December Meeting Minutes **Approved 6-0**
Eileen Brett, Chair, Matt Golas, James Gibbons, Virginia Hart, Jack Millerick, Vice Chair

New Business

- A. **GP18-170** 905 Wootton Road
- Dan Archdeacon, PE from Catania Engineering reviewed plans
 - 10 trees to be removed; 18 being replaced (8 will be large canopy)
 - James Gibbons asked to be sure to protect tree where shed is being removed.
 - Applicant would like to save as many trees as possible

The Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission recommendation: **Approved 6-0**
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- B **GP 19-001** 820 Darby Paoli Road
- Brian Matson from Momenee reviewed plans
 - Remove 4 trees at 820 Darby Paoli Road; remove 6 trees on neighboring lot of 834 Darby Paoli Road
 - Eileen Brett mentioned that the tree calculation is incorrect
 - Commission has requested that the applicant review heritage trees with the Township Arborist
 - Commission would like to know if applicant would consider redirecting the driveway to save the two heritage trees

The RadnorTownship Shade Tree Commission recommendation: Preliminary approval 18 trees are required for replacement at 820 Darby Paoli Road (10 large canopy) 8 trees are required for 834 Darby Paoli Road (2 large canopy); review the two heritage trees at driveway for risk and if the Owner would consider redirecting the driveway to save the two heritage trees **Approved 6-0**
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- C **GP 19-005** 104 Harvard
- **See Recommendations for Item “I” Harvard Lane Landscaping Plan**

- D **GP 19-006** 112 Harvard
- **See Recommendations for Item “I” Harvard Lane Landscaping Plan**

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- E **GP 19-007** 107 Harvard
- See Recommendations for Item “I” Harvard Lane Landscaping Plan
- F **GP 19-008** 103 Harvard
- See Recommendations for Item “I” Harvard Lane Landscaping Plan
- G **GP 19-009** 105 Harvard
- See Recommendations for Item “I” Harvard Lane Landscaping Plan
- H **GP 19-010** 106 Harvard
- See Recommendations for Item “I” Harvard Lane Landscaping Plan
- I **HARVARD LANE LANDSCAPING PLANS**
- Rob Lambert gave a short Synopsys on the plans
 - o 13 active application as of today.
 - o Applicant is asking that they get an approval on the overall plans and not have to come in front of the Shade Tree Commission for each individual lot.
 - Lisa Thomas from Glackin Thomas Panzak, Landscape Architect – reviewed the landscape master plan
 - o Site visit with Chris, Matt Golas and John Hosbach happened prior to today’s meeting; plans have been corrected due to the site visit
 - Matt Golas is concerned about the number of trees being planted and over crowding

*The Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission recommendation: **Approved 6-0***
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2019 Goals

Eileen Brett read a note from Gretchen Groebel

- o The Radnor Conservancy is very interested in helping the Township and the Shade Tree Committee plant more tree.
- o If accepted, the Shade Tree Committee would expand the program run in the fall. The Radnor Conservancy would pay for an additional 20-25 trees

“Getting the word out”

- o Commissioner Borowski mentioned that she would be willing to add Shade Tree information to her newsletter.

Trees Removed without Approval

None at this time

Clearing Permits

None at this time

Old Business

- A Phillipone/Bo Connor/LaMaison Tract Update – Jack
- B Discussion of Net Loss of Tree Basal Area – Example 321 Lancaster Avenue – Jack
- C Enhancement of Shade Tree Archives
- D Shade Tree Ordinance Enforcement

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E Proposed Project of Warren Phillipone Park – Horgan Tree Experts Proposal Attached

Public Participation

None at this time

Hazardous Trees

A	4 Good Shepherd Terrace	35" Pin Oak; 33" Pin Oak
B	110 Woods Lane	36" Black Oak
C	466 Upper Gulph Road	36" DBH Red Oak
D	418 Woodland Ave	Maple
E	200 W Lancaster Ave	40" Europe Beech
F	14 Weirwood Road	36" DBH Tulip Poplar

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Approved 6-0

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Tree Removal by Radnor Township

11/28/2018	Liberty Lane	40 Trees
11/28/2018	219 Poplar Ave	26" Maple
12/8/2018	326 Overhill	25" Maple
12/14/2018	Clem Macrone Park	2 - 45" White Oak; 1 - 25" Ash
12/18/2018	Upper Gulph Rd.	44" Oak

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Eileen Brett, Chair, Matt Golas, James Gibbons, Virginia Hart, Jack Millerick, Vice Chair, Clare Griton;

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Sherwin

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2019 Radnor Township Shade Tree Committee Goals – DRAFT – 23Jan2019

- 1) Implement the Master Street Tree Charter – *Matt & Eileen*
 - a. Complete the tree inventory as proposed in the charter. - Matt
 - b. Address gaps by offering both Spring & Fall Plantings of both large and small trees.
 - i. **ACTION: Identify bare areas to be prioritized – Matt & James**
 - ii. **ACTION: Communicate to residents (BOC newsletters, FB page, Fall Link) – Ginny**
 - iii. Anything > \$7500 requires a competitive bid and BOC approval.

- 2) Keep the Ordinance Current and Effective – *Matt & Jack*
 - a. Implement Bamboo Ordinance.
 - b. Help residents, developers and contractors follow the ordinance via #3.
 - c. Update ordinance - Joe

- 3) Serve our Residents via Proactive Communication – *James, Joe, Ginny*
 - a. Increase Education and Awareness to help keep and improve Radnor’s Tree Canopy
 - b. Increase awareness of why a tree canopy is valuable.
 - c. Make it easy to obtain advise on existing trees of concern to keep everyone safe.
 - d. Advise residents during construction projects on how to protect existing trees.
 - e. Make residents aware of the Spring and Fall tree giveaways.
 - f. **ACTION: Provide list of trees in wires to Steve McNelis, Public Works - Matt**
 - g. **ACTION: Provide list of Hazardous Trees to Steve McNelis, Public Works – Matt**
 - h. **ACTION: Notify residents with hazardous trees to encourage safe removal - ?**

- 4) Manage Shade Tree Fund - *Eileen*
 - a. Obtain Grant Funds
 - b. Plan & Utilize the funds provided in the 2019 budget
 - c. Provide budget request for the 2020 budget.
 - d. **Action: Confirm with Bill White why \$25K wasn’t transferred in 2018 - Eileen.**

- 5) Partner with our Stakeholders - *Eileen:*
 - a. Radnor Board of Commissioners (BOC)
 - b. Radnor Conservancy
 - c. Wayne Business District
 - d. Contractors
 - e. Developers
 - f. Radnor Township Staff

- 6) Provide input on Key Issues:
 - a. Emerald Ash Borer (AEB)
 - b. Storm and Electrical Line concerns
 - i. **ACTION: Talk to PECO/Cable Comcast about tree trimming practices. Joe Blackburn is the liaison - ?**

- 7) Be Green and Efficient - *Eileen:*
 - a. Continue to minimize paper copies.



*Let’s enhance and protect our
tree canopy!*

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- b. Make efficient use of our volunteer committee.
- c. Benchmark and learn from other townships.
- d. Make efficient use of our residents, developers and contractors time.

New Proposed Goals:

- 8) Monitor Enforcement of the Shade Tree Ordinance - Jack
 - Assure fines are collected.
 - Is this our job or the Townships job? Would a report from the Township suffice?

- 9) Measure the Tree Canopy - Jack
 - **ACTION: Document trees removed and planted in our Meeting Minutes - Trish**
 - Determine if there are other ways to measure the historical and current and future canopy.