

**Shade Tree Commission of Radnor Township
Wayne, Pennsylvania
Minutes of the Meeting of August 21, 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

James Gibbons, Virginia Hart, Clare Griton, Seth Reeser

Absent: Eileen Brett, Chair, Matt Golas

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

Meeting Minutes – July Meeting Minutes

Approved 4-0

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Tree Selection for the Wayne Business Overlay District Tree Planting Project, with Jonathan Alderson

- Need to get a list of trees
- Johnathan is proposing a list of trees and is open to suggestions.
 - Recommendation – Johnathan to make the decision and get back to staff

Permits

A. **GP19-139** 168 Abrahams

- It was noted that the Clearing Permit sites the wrong Ordinance and formula for tree compensation, hence the calculation of 32 trees to be replaced was inaccurate. STC agreed to review the Clearing Permit and update/correct it. It was further noted that many of the 30 trees to be removed are hazardous, thus requiring no replacement. The STC determined the applicant would meet with the Township Arborist and review which trees were hazardous and then revise the amount of trees to be replaced as based on the current Ordinance formula.

The Township Arborist will advise the STC of the revised amount of trees to be replaced.

The Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission recommendation:

Approved 4-0

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B **GP19-140** 452 Boxwood Road

- The STC requested the Township Arborist review the final landscape plan for this property to ensure the full amount of 66 trees are indeed identified to be planted.

The Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission recommendation:

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Tree Removal without approval/ Clearing Permits

Trees Removed without Approval

- None at this time

Clearing Permits

- 168 Abrahams – See meeting minutes for GP19-139

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- 721 Governor Circle - Clearing Permit Form needs to be clearer that the applicant is required to provide a chart indicating the replacement formula. The STC requested the Township Arborist review the trees with the property owner and verify that all trees are hazardous. The Township Arborist will advise the STC if he determines any trees are required to be replaced.

Trees Removed without Approval

Violation Notices

- 667 Conestoga Road - The Township has sent a Notice of Violation to the homeowner to have this tree cut down by this Friday since it is leaning at a dangerous angle over the street. Of note, even though this is a State road, the Township has responsibility to ensure safety of its residents hence the reason the Township has stepped in and sent the Notice.

Clearing Permits

- None at this time

2019 Goals

- Goal has been met to determine remaining budget funds and calculate number of trees available for the Fall planting.
- Still need a volunteer to take the lead on updating the Ordinance
- Conservancy intern not in attendance, no update on awareness flyer for real estate community
- Flyer for Fall planting being worked on by Ginny and Kimberly Donches
- Radnor Conservancy invasive plant poster was to have been placed on STC website, Ginny to follow up with Molly Gallagher
- Matt still working on survey but upon completion will provide list of hazardous trees to Steve McNelis
- Township Arborist to provide definition of hazardous tree, John not in attendance.

New Business

- Spotted Lantern Fly: James presented info on the spotted lantern fly and STC will place it on our website. Mr. Norcini will provide STC with an update on status of supply for sticky tape for resident use.
- Fall Planting: Reviewed Eileen's presentation with the following discussion/decisions made by the STC
 - a. We will offer a mix of small and large trees
 - b. Total STC budget allows for 70 trees. Question does this include Chanticleer tree donation?
 - c. Mr. Norcini suggested several areas for trees to be planted that would help the Township, soil stabilization along Briarwood stream, and Sawmill road area. Mr. Norcini will report back to STC if there are other areas the Township would like to see planted and if so, how many trees are needed to the STC at our next meeting.
 - d. The STC is in favor of adding to the WBA planting effort especially in those areas outlined in Eileen's presentation These locations were reviewed with Mr. Norcini. He advised the South Wayne lot by the Library is about to undergo a storm water management project which will include the planting of trees, hence no trees needed here by STC planting. The STC agreed to plant trees in the green islands in the North Wayne lot. The Township Arborist to determine

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number of trees that can be planted here. The (6) business locations, while supported by the STC, will require additional time for a separate bid proposal to be prepared, time for a personal on-site meeting to determine exactly where the pit would be placed, weather constraints restricting types of trees that can to be planted and time to get approval from business owners. Given all these time requirements, and the limited time to get the planting budget approved by the BOC, it was decided to wait until the spring to do these plantings. The monies for this will be held in escrow.

- e. Realizing the Fall Planting has long been a major initiative by the Radnor Conservancy, STC voted to match the 20 trees they intend to plant with 20 trees from the STC budget. Question, do we buy the trees or give money to Conservancy to buy them? Since STC is planning to buy some 70 trees seems to make sense we buy the ones for the Conservancy as well?
- f. Final Tree Planting Budget Allocation Decision by STC: 70 trees = 10 to Briarwood, 10 to North Wayne lot (estimate), 20 to Conservancy, 6 held in escrow for WBA areas, 24 trees remaining pending report from Mr. Norcini if Parks and/or Township has recommendations for additional areas to plant.
- g. Next Steps finalize proposal at Sept 10 meeting for presentation and approval to BOC.

Old Business

- A Phillipone/Bo Connor/LaMaison
- B Warren Phillipone Park

Public Participation

None at this time

Follow Up Action Items

- Township Arborist:
 - a. inspect 168 Abrahams and advise STC of revised replacement formula
 - b. review final landscape plan for 452 Boxwood
 - c. inspect 721 Governor Circle and advise STC if any trees require replacement
 - d. for Sept 10 meeting, inspect green islands in North Wayne lot and advise STC number of trees to be planted here, advise how many trees need to be planted for Briarwood soil stabilization
 - e. provide definition of hazardous tree for inclusion on STC website
- Mr. Norcini:
 - a. For Sept 10 meeting, update on whether Township will have sticky tape available for residents to use against Spotted Lantern Fly
 - b. For Sept 10 meeting, advise if there are any specific areas the Township would like to see trees planted and if so, how many
- Ginny
 - a. Finalize Fall planting flyer with Kimberly for presentation and approval by STC at Sept 10 meeting
 - b. Work with Molly to have Spotted Lantern Fly info and Conservancy invasive plant poster placed on our website
- Seth
 - a. As part of the "Communication" committee, agreed to review and correct the Clearing Permit as well as the other forms and permits for accuracy/consistency

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Hazardous Trees

	A	749 Clyde	40' spruce, 35, 36, 38 DBH
	B	721 Governors Circle	23 Pine Trees 14" DBH
	C	610 King of Prussia	Quercus Alba 85" 34" DBH, Quercus Velutina 75' 44" DBH, 80' 65" DBH, 75' 48" DBH
Radnor	D	120 S Spring Mill	Tulipifera 34.2 DBH
	E	9 Howthorne	Blue Atlas Cedar Dual Stems 19" and 22"

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Tree Removal by Radnor Township

7/17/2019	224 S. Aberdeen Ave	19" Linden	\$	1,400.00
7/17/2019	401 Woodland Ave	45" Silver Maple	\$	4,900.00
7/17/2019	800 Sproul Rd	30" Ash	\$	3,600.00
7/17/2019	121 N. Wayne	3 Bradford Pears	\$	975.00
8/6/2019	340 Rockingham	45" Red Oak	\$	3,800.00
8/6/2019	461 Roberts Rd.	40" Tulip Poplar	\$	3,800.00

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Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Sherwin