

**Shade Tree Commission of Radnor Township
Wayne, Pennsylvania
Minutes of the Meeting of August 22, 2018**

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, Clare Griton

Absent: Jeff Boogay, Jack Millerick, Vice Chair, Joseph Grazio

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

Meeting Minutes – June 2018 and July 2018

Approved 5-0

New Business

A. **GP18-105** 305 Valley Place

The Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission recommendation:

Approved 5-0

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

B. **GP 18-108** 419 Wyldhaven

The Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission recommendation:

Approval 5-0

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

C. **GP 18-119** 412 Conestoga

The Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission recommendation:

Approval 5-0

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2018 Goal Update

- Kimberly educated the community on the projects approved would like to see education to the residents
- Would like to see rules listed on the township website
- Kimberly will send list of planted trees
- What do you need from us?

Trees Removed without Approval

None at this time

Clearing Permits

None at this time

Other Business

Ordinance Interpretation in light of 325 Barclay

- Discussed ordinance and are clear on our ability to approve or disapprove removal of a heritage tree, then applicants' ability to appeal decision to BOC within 20 days.

Fillipone/Bo Connor/LaMaison Tract Update – Jack – No update required

Discussion of Net Loss of Tree Basal Area – Example 321 Lancaster Avenue – Jack – No update required

Public Participation

Laura Luker, Radnor Conservancy (as noted elsewhere in the meeting minutes)

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John Sheehan, Resident of Windsor Avenue:

Suggested actions:

- Implement a goal to “have zero net loss of tree canopy”
- Revise ordinance based on \$ for loss of “tree basal area”.
 - Our plan is to educate ourselves more on the ordinance, identify gaps, then revise. Joe will take the lead on this. We can start this year. Propose this as a 2019 Goal.
- Benchmark with other townships – Abington, City of Atlanta, Maryland suggested.
Note: Storm water management systems under Radnor Middle School is not connected per Claire – thus good infrastructure is not being used.

Hazardous Trees

A	438 Round Hill Road	20” & 26” Tulip Poplar
B	610 King of Prussia	2 Poplar (26” DSBH), 1 White Ash (29” DBH), 1 Beech tree 18” DBH, 1 Black Oak (Dead, 40” DBH)
C	401 Conestoga Road	Red Oak (57” DBH)

The Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission

Approved

Jack Millerick, Vice Chair, Matt Golas, Virginia Hart, Jeff Boogay, Joseph Grazio, James Gibbons, Eileen Brett, Chair, Clare Griton

Tree Removal by Radnor Township

5/15/2018	Arthur Rd.	22" Maple
5/22/2018	Roberts Rd.	5 large Ash & 1 Poplar
5/22/2018	200 S. Ithan	36" Norway Maple
5/22/2018	207 Poplar Ave	25" Maple
5/23/2018	Odorisio Park	42" Locust
5/23/2018		23" Pin Oak
6/13/2018	Township Bldg.	3 Ash; 2 Cherry; 1 Mimosa
6/13/2018	43 Lowrys Lane	50" Ash
		20" Hemlock
6/13/2018	200 S. Ithan	22" Hemlock

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Sherwin

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

2018 Goal Progress – Cover those in bold.

1) Implement the Master Street Tree Charter – Matt

- a. Update on progress – 1000 trees surveyed!
 1. Villanova Streets.
 2. Conestoga Avenue
 3. South Wayne
 4. North Wayne
 5. Garrett Hill
 6. Tree Types:
 - a. Trident Maple and Chinese Lace Bark Elm do well under wires.
 - b. Ash trees in decline.
 - i. Too far gone to treat.
 - ii. Largest concentration is on Conestoga, many under wires.
 - c. Linden trees are thriving.
 - d. Silver Maples near Rosemont Village are getting old.
 - e. North Wayne has fewer street trees than South Wayne.
 - f. Most popular trees in this order - Maples, Cherry, Sycamore. Only 2 Elms.
- b. Identify gaps and develop a plan. When should we expect to start this? What help is needed?
 1. Gaps:
 - a. North Wayne
 - b. Garrett Hill
 - c. Ash Trees – treat healthy ones; remove hazardous ones
 - d. Hazardous Street Trees under Wires
 2. Plan:
 - a. Survey until Fall (leaf fall) – typically 100 trees / hour.
 - b. Determine hazardous trees to be removed, and gaps that need planting
 - c. Then plant in Spring
 - d. Restart survey in Spring
 3. Help Needed:
 - a. Another two person team with at least one person who can recognize trees.
 - i. Laura Luker and John Sheehan volunteered!
 - b. Post on website for Internship - Ginny
 - c. Seek student (high school biology senior) - James

2) Keep the Ordinance Current and Effective – Matt & Jack & Joe

- a. Implement Recommended Tree List as an addendum for easy annual updating. – Matt - Done
- b. Implement Bamboo Ordinance – Jack & Eileen
 1. BOC May 21, 2018 Meeting. Next steps to achieve approval?
- c. New for 2019 - Revise the ordinance to maintain or increase the tree canopy - Joe

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3) Serve our Residents via Proactive Communication – James, Joe, Ginny

- a. Which of the 3 flyers provided by Ginny do we want to implement?
 1. #2 is the unanimous winner for the clean look and logo – with italicized heading.
 2. Approved with comment. Implement as indicated below.
- b. Where are we implementing these?
 1. Post on Website with live links to information to promote action
 2. Notify Realtors
 3. Publish in the Wayne Magazine
 4. Post on the Radnor Township Facebook page
- c. Any help needed?
 1. Conservancy can help with info needed for web links per Laura Luker.



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4) Balance the Budget – Eileen

- a. Obtain Grant Funds - Jack
- b. Provide estimates for anticipated expenses.**
 1. What should our 2019 budget expenses be?
 - a. Removal of Hazardous Street Trees
 - b. Spring Planting under Wires
 - c. Replanting – Increasing Fall Tree Giveaway Budget
 - d. Considered to be 25 years behind the times, need \$3MM per year to make up for this.
 2. Who should be included?
 - a. Bill White, Township Finance
 - b. Steve McNelis, Public Works
 - c. Steve Norcini
 - d. John Hosbach, Township Arborist
 - e. BOC Member – TBD
 - i. Action: Claire to contact Lisa, the BOC President and Bob Zienkowski to request a BOC member become a sitting member on the STC to help us better effect change in alignment with the BOC's goals.
 - f. John Hosbach and Claire willing to support
 3. Timing?
 - a. Typically due in Oct2018.

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

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6) Provide input on Key Issues:

- a. Emerald Ash Borer (AEB)
- b. Storm and Electrical Line concerns

7) Be Green and Efficient - Eileen

- a. Which option would each person like to test at the September meeting to save paper and Engineering resource time?
 1. Option A – Sharing drawings – 1 hardcopy to Matt; and 1 hardcopy to be available at meeting start
 2. Option B – Memory Stick (back up if email is not possible)
 3. Option C – Email – Jeff, James, Joe, Eileen, Claire, Ginny