

**Shade Tree Commission of Radnor Township
Wayne, Pennsylvania
Minutes of the Meeting of September 26, 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, Joseph Grazio

Absent: Jeff Boogay, Jack Millerick, Vice Chair, Clare Griton

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

Meeting Minutes – August Meeting Minutes

Approved 5-0

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New Business

A. **GP18-133** 107 Lantoga

The Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission recommendation:

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2018 Goal Update

James Gibbons discussed Lantern Flies

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 on the ability to approve or disapprove the removal of a heritage tree and 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

- Jane Gallie –Tree inventory of the willows was submitted to the commission
- Sarah Pulling – Garrett Ave also spoke about the Willows.

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Hazardous Trees

A	861 Lesley	32" Tulip Poplar
B	320 Conestoga Road	24" DBH Norway Maple; 33" DBH Tulip; 30" DBH Ash; 32 DBH Black Walnut;
C	309 Conestoga	Walnut Tree
D	203 Spruce Tree Road	38" DBH Red Oak
E	836 Paddock	Tree Struck by Lightning- Hazardous Report will be submitted. Resident was given the ok to proceed with removal of the tree.

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Tree Removal by Radnor Township

8/23/2018	143 Barcladen	25" White Pine
8/23/2018	Radnor Trail	10" Red Maple
8/23/2018	West Wayne Preserve	Locust Trees
		25"
		25"
		20"
		19"
		18"
8/23/2018	Ithan Ave	15" Elm
		22" Elm

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Sherwin

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2018 Goal Progress – Cover those in bold. Notes in blue; Actions in red.



**Let's enhance and
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- 1) Implement the Master Street Tree Charter – *Matt*
 - a. Update on progress – 1000 trees surveyed! We'll use this as input for the 2019 budget.
 - b. 2 new volunteers obtained to help survey.

- 2) Keep the Ordinance Current and Effective – *Matt & Jack*
 - 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.
 2. Next Step: Revise once a BOC member is assigned to the STC and can provide direction.
 - c. New Goal for 2019: Revise the ordinance to maintain or increase the tree canopy - Joe

- 3) **Serve our Residents via Proactive Communication – *James, Joe, Ginny***
 - a. Communications flyer selected and being implemented.
 1. **ACTION: Need to discuss options with the Radnor Township Website Owner, Jim Dolan – Joe and Ginny**
 2. Implementation is Trish Sherwin.
 - b. **Laternfly – James**
 1. How to identify? How to best advise residents?
 2. Primary host is The Tree of Heaven, and also Maple Trees, and Hops.
 3. Radnor Township posted info by the Health on Aug 2018.
 4. **ACTION: Write up communication to be posted on web site to advise residents on how to identify and remove (e.g. scrape, tape) – James.**

- 4) **Balance the Budget – Eileen**
 - a. Obtain Grant Funds - *Jack*
 - b. **Provide estimates for anticipated expenses.**
 1. Priorities and Assumptions?
 - a. Resident Safety & Keeping the Lights On
 - b. Replanting and greening the Township
 2. Expenses?
 - a. Removal of Hazardous Trees in ROW
 - b. Removal or Treatment of Ash Trees in ROW
 - c. Replanting in bare spots
 - d. Prorating the above to equal 2018 and 2019
 3. Revenue?
 - a. Confirm Conservancy donation \$25,000
 - b. Grants – not to be included
 4. Data to support request for funds?
 - a. # of Hazardous trees removed in the ROW
 - b. Historical loss of tree canopy? 2018 # of Hazardous Trees removed in ROW.
 5. Out of Scope:



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- a. State Roads – ACTION: Provide list of state roads – John Hosbach
- b. Wayne Business District Area

5) Partner with our Stakeholders - *Eileen*

- a. Radnor Board of Commissioners (BOC)

1. Status on BOC Member joining STC – Claire

- a. Claire spoke to Lisa, the BOC President who is supportive of the idea and requested a formal request. Eileen emailed a formal request with roles and responsibilities and 2018 goals on Sep 25, 2018.

- 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

7) Be Green and Efficient - *Eileen*

- a. Feedback on this month's pilot:
 - 1. Option A – Sharing drawings (2)
 - 2. Option B – Email (all)

So far, feedback is very positive. We will continue this way for October and gather feedback from missing committee members then.