

**Shade Tree Commission of
Radnor Township
Wayne, Pennsylvania
March 8, 2016**

Vice-Chairman Gus Feudale called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with Mary Coe, Skip Kunda and Michael Drennan in attendance along with Stephen Norcini, P.E., Director of Public Works, Township Arborist John Hosbach, Township Manager Robert Zienkowski and Police Superintendent William Colarulo. Jack Millerick, Eileen Brett and Randy Hope were absent.

*Tree Removals ** Not approved for removal*

*836 Milmar Road
14 trees were removed (6) of which were heritage
Numerous ground stumps observed*

New property owner, David Falcone, appeared before the board. The site was in major disrepair when he took ownership of it after it was bank owned. He described fallen trees, old stumps, cabled trees, etc. on the site which is why he hired a company to clean up the area. He had three tree companies quote prices for cleaning up the area. Trees were removed without a permit and he was stopped. At that time he contacted the township and requested on how to move forward to comply with ordinances. The property will be landscaped and new trees will be planted to return the site to a beautiful safe home to live in. They will be planting 18 new trees with two-thirds being large shade trees with calipers of 3 ½”.

Steve Norcini advised the board that this was not an owner that came in to clearcut the site. He just wanted to fix it up. The eyesore had been under review by the Township. Mr. Falcone came to him to discuss as soon as he was notified to ask what he needed to do to make things right.

Township Manager, Robert Zienkowski, agreed with the applicant that the site was totally disgraceful, home was being entered when no one was there, residence doors were ajar, windows were broken, and the Township was preparing to do something to get this property moving forward. He agreed that the trees were in bad shape and one was seen to have gone through the roof.

Superintendent William Colarulo, agreed with Mr. Zienkowski on the blighted area, that an abandoned car was in the driveway, and reported that the property was under surveillance with the police department as well as the Community Development Department.

Steve Norcini agreed and stated that the property would have been addressed by the Township if the property had not been purchased.

The removals were ultimately approved under the circumstances and the members thanked the applicant for clearing up the site even though they had questions on the dates of the removals and the lack of pictures showing the site before the trees were removed.

209 Matsonford Road *GP # 16-13* *Approved*
Archbishop Carroll High School Baseball and Lacrosse Fields
9,300 CY of dirt (keep on site)

Radnor Memorial Library *C # 16-02* *Approved*
114 W. Wayne Avenue Remove 5 trees
Renovations and expansion

Many of the existing large trees on site are in poor condition. A 48" Pin Oak in an island in the driveway/parking lot needs to be removed due to the proposed construction of the over hang over the driveway. They are looking into installing a rain garden at the recommendation of the Planning Commission. The Commission requested at least four shade trees be planted on the site. It was requested that a shade tree or two be planted somewhere in the South Wayne Parking Lot.

131/133 Garrett Avenue *2015-S-03*
Approval pending Township Arborist's Approval
Subdivide property into two Construct 2 new single family dwellings

John Hosbach will investigate the trees at the rear of the site. The applicant wants to remove them and plant more substantial trees for the purpose of creating a better screening for the new homeowners.

North Wayne Avenue Street Tree Replacement Planting

Steve Norcini announced that PECO will be doing a lot of work in the center of Wayne installing new electric service. There are open spaces for trees and the Township Manager thought that this will be a good time to start a program with appropriate trees and sidewalk friendly trees. This will be discussed at length at the next meeting. It will involve 16 trees and he suggested plastic grates for the trunk areas.

Hazardous Tree Removals
Approved for removal by Township Arborist

Radnor Station Office Building Applicant was asked to plant a tree
40" Ash
Tree has declined and is dead
Hazard to parking lot and next to building