

**Shade Tree Commission of
Radnor Township
Wayne, Pennsylvania**

**Wednesday
June 24, 2015
6:30 PM**

Chairman Jack Millerick called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with Mary Coe, Michael Drennan, and Gus Feudale in attendance. Public Works Director, Stephen F. Norcini, PE and Township Arborist, John Hosbach also attended. Randy Hope, Doug McCone and Jen McGowan were absent.

115 Strafford Avenue Conditional Approval
Discussion regarding trees and shrubs compromised due to construction
(6) White Pines need to be removed at the Township Arborist's request
(9) 14-16' Norway Spruce Trees need to be planted for these removals in September

Staff evaluation on a site visit determined that grading had occurred within the drip lines of the trees which compromised the trees. The Township Arborist requests that the trees be removed and new trees be planted on site as per the above recommendation. The Township Arborist will meet with the landscape architect to determine the placement of an additional 5" large canopy tree and he will advise the commission in August. Applicant was informed to notify the neighboring property owners 48 hours before the trees are removed. Staff will do another site visit tomorrow.

220 Lansdowne Avenue GP # 15-117 Tabled
Addition, walks and driveway
195 CY of dirt (take off site)

Tree protection needs to be shown around all trees within the LOD or grade changes
Species and size of trees need to be identified
Revise plans and resubmit to Engineering for next meeting before 8/17/15

411 Louella Avenue GP # 15-119 Approved
Addition, patio, drive and deck
(3) trees to be removed (2) 8" & (1) 10"
(3) trees will be planted
475 CY of dirt (take off site)

446 Boxwood Road GP # 15-120 Approved
Construct single family dwelling
1,500 CY of dirt (take off site)
14 trees to be removed (7) 6-18" (5) 19-29" (2) 30"+
34 trees required - 18 being large canopy

36 trees provided – 20 being large canopy

Swamp Oaks and White Oaks were suggested to use instead of Pin Oaks
Different types of Dogwoods were also suggested to consider

Ravenscliff / Roundhill GP # 15-121 Approved
Pond dredging
2,500 CY of dirt (keep on site)

Discussion: amending the Shade Tree Ordinance section 263-6 Emergency Tree Removal

Dead trees or hazardous trees presently don't require replacements. The current ordinance does not specifically omit the replacement formula being applied to removals of dead and hazardous trees, or emergency removals. The Township Arborist is asking homeowners to consider planting replacement(s) in the case of these removals.

Mr. Norcini and John Hosbach mentioned that since there is no present 'requirement' to replace removals of emergency trees and hazardous trees in the ordinance, that members should bring their comments and concerns to the August meeting to discuss. The section regarding emergency tree removal will be discussed and suggestions for revisions will be forwarded to staff for their input as well as the required boards and commissions. The final document will then be forwarded for approval by Administration. If any member of the Shade Tree Commission wants to speak to the BoC or send notifications to them as well, they should contact Mr. Norcini or Suzan Jones in Engineering.

Mr. Norcini requested that the Commission consider approving administrative decisions for plans that don't involve tree removals. This would include excavation only plans that really have no impact on trees. Draft amendments will be designed by John Hosbach and Steve Norcini and brought to the Commission to discuss. If it moves forward, the BoC would make final decisions.

Hazardous Tree Removals
Approved for removal by Township Arborist

743 King of Prussia Road
50" Black Oak
Signs of decline throughout canopy and does not have a healthy root flair at base
Tree is located behind house
Applicant's arborist was asked to have applicant plant 1 large canopy tree

304 Landover Road Report on replacement in August
31" Red Oak
Decay on central leader @ 30', slight crack or opening along trunk, possibly due to June wind storm – will discuss with Township Arborist to see if replacement tree will be planted

320 Louella Avenue
37" Sugar Maple
Significant rot and decay in trunk

Township Arborist requested (1) shade tree be planted

312 West Avenue

20" Hemlock

13" Cedar

26" White Pine substantial 18" x 30" rotted section 25' up on the trunk

(2) 10" Cedar

12" Cedar

All trees are growing within 1-2' of foundation of house. Root systems are pushing against the foundation causing cracks and allowing water to penetrate into the basement. Trees are declining and unbalanced. Trimming the trees is not an option. Landscape master plan being considered. Township Arborist asked for a copy of the plan.

Respectfully submitted,