Shade Tree Commission of Radnor Township Wayne, Pennsylvania Wednesday, April 23, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Ward at 7:30 PM. Also in attendance was Jack Millerick, Vice-Chair; Gus Feudale, Randy Hope, Jen McGowan, Jim Schwartz, and Director of Public Works, Stephen Norcini, P.E. Doug McCone was absent.

393 Yorkshire Way GP 14-46 Conditional Approval Demolish existing dwelling
Construct new single family dwelling, walks, patios & driveway
450 CY of dirt (to be kept on site)

Engineer to verify tree count and location on plan versus site and report to Engineering Extend tree protection fence from 38" Ash to 18" Maple Extend tree protection across back yard from 42" Poplar to 34" Beech after shed is removed

Conditional Approval

560 Sproul Road GP 14-49
Construct sports fields, parking, walking, etc.
185 trees to be removed
270 trees required to be planted
35,000 CY of dirt (to be kept on site)

165 shade trees will be planted

85 understory trees will be planted

Applicant has chosen to donate the cost of the remaining 20 trees to the Township Tree Fund Township Arborist will submit report of the walk-through to the Commission

Grade line changes by the track near Sproul could impact the Poplar trees – add those trees to removals in case they don't survive and adjust the replacement plan accordingly

Township Arborist will check those trees to see if have a chance of surviving during construction Extend tree protection fence with orange fencing between the chain link fences along neighbor's property line to prevent vehicles and storage from being placed within drip line areas

Valley Forge Elms should be changed to Princeton Elms due to issues with that species

Go heavier on Norway Spruce instead of Douglas Fir

October Glory Maples were recommended for the drive isles

Trident Maple or Amur Maple can be used

Smaller trees should be placed in parking islands

Hazardous Tree Removals Approved for removal by Township Arborist

715 Bryn Mawr Avenue

22" White Ash, (2) 15" White Ash, 27" Sugar Maple, 29" Sugar Maple, 23" Norway Maple, 24" Black Locust, 26" Sycamore, 6" Sugar Maple, 18" Norway Maple Would like to see some replacements if the client is willing

406 Woodland Avenue

(2) 50-60" Sugar Maples, 42" and a 39"

Trees are cabled, there's a significant cavity filled with concrete, root flare, linear void, fault line and a visible separation along trunk

Eastern University 1300 Eagle Road 22" Weeping Willow, 21" Black Locust, 24" White Ash All trees damaged beyond recovery

Township trees

140 S. Spring Mill Rd. – Ash sever decay 409 Iven Avenue – Ash decay

Township tree requiring pruning per discussion with Parks Superintendent Orchard Way – Large Sycamore – no removal task warranted

Jim Ward announced that Arbor Day was recently celebrated. Radnor Township has been named Tree City USA for the 22nd year. Several trees were planted with the Cub Scouts. A tree give-away will be held Saturday, April 26th through the efforts of the Radnor Conservancy and The Chanticleer Foundation. 125 trees have all been accounted for and they are trying to obtain more due to the positive response from residents. If this is done again next year, they will try to obtain more trees. Shade Tree Members would like to be advised when the spring tree planting will take place.

Steve Norcini stated that residents, who have had trees removed from right of way due to the storm, were given the opportunity for another tree to be planted in the same location at a minimal fee. Streetscape plantings are being looked into and this committee is being spearheaded by Kimberly Donches, who also is head of the spring tree planting. She will be invited to a future meeting to discuss the streetscape planting project.

Steve Norcini also announced that if anyone sees numerous trees or large trees being removed from a property and they question the legality, they should contact Sue Jones in the Engineering Department. An inspector will be directed to investigate and the Township Arborist will also be contacted if the removals warrant his opinion.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzan Jones