



RADNOR TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING SUMMARY

September 26, 2012

The comments noted below are the Shade Tree Commission's views only. Clearing and Grading Permits are issued by the Engineering Department, which reviews plans AFTER approval by the Shade Tree Commission.

In attendance were members: Howard Holden, James Ward, Douglas McCone, Steve Norcini and Robert Zienkowski.

823 Mill Rd Scott & Arlene Kim Tabled
Removal of (3) additional trees without a permit
Stated trees were in disrepair and diseased
Steve Norcini advised that this removal is within the 5 tree limit per year
Applicant should submit arborist's report for the remaining trees they wish to have removed.

1300 Eagle Rd. Eastern University GP 12-107 Tabled
Construction of loop road through campus
Requirement of land development for Student Union Building
2,500 CY of dirt to be moved
29 trees to be removed – 50 trees to be planted
Karen McManuels, AEC and Carl Altomare, Eastern University
Discussion centered on the location of the bridge and the urgency to save several majestic heritage trees. It was requested that the bridge be shifted as far as possible away from the Elm in hopes of saving it. A skew of the bridge should be shown on the plan and the details showing tree preservation. A note should be placed indicating root pruning, fertilization, etc. and whatever methods will be utilized for the next five years in a major effort to save the tree. Jim Ward offered his company's help for a 5-year program to help save the tree.

1300 Eagle Rd Eastern University GP 12-82 Conditional
Construction of new entrance
39 trees to be removed – 53 trees to be planted
As requested, revised plans display the shifting of the road away from several significant trees. The shift would require the construction of a retaining wall due to the grade lines on site.

It was determined that utilizing the existing driveway will cause the least impact on the trees. Asphalt curb will reduce impact on root systems in the area- deep feed and root pruning. All trees in area of new road will be root pruned, deep fertilization, etc. as previously suggested.

2012-S-15 (Preliminary) 615 Newtown Rd

Construct a cul-de-sac and 8 residential lots

Patrick Stewart, Orsatti & Assoc. – Landscape Architects

There are 411 trees on the site to the North of Van Lears Run 6” dbh or greater.

There are 32 heritage trees on the site. Only 9 are in good condition (per arborist’s report) – of these 2 are proposed to be removed to handle the proposed construction.

Steve Norcini announced that staff has supported the applicant with the request for the waivers for the request for a reduced front yard setback, etc.

To follow staff’s recommendation, Mr. Stewart requested the support from the commission regarding the narrower road right of way and reduced setbacks from the new right of way. It would save trees and reduce impervious surfaces.

A plan showing existing conditions should be on a full size sheet.

A street tree program will be implemented as part of this project as well as beefing up the buffer area immediately adjacent to the residential neighborhood. The boundary along Sproul Rd. will also be buffered accordingly.

135 replacements are proposed, however, this depends on the approval of the waivers. The numbers could change depending on the outcome of the zoning hearing board decisions.

It was recommended that more than one species be planted on the site. This application will be seen again when submitting for a final plan.

2012-D-16 (Preliminary) Cabrini College 610 King of Prussia Rd Tabled

No quorum

Full size plans, along with all references to tree removals and replacements will be sent to all shade tree members prior to the next meeting so they have a sense of the project.

Old Business

New Business - None

Hazardous Tree Reports

Harford Park – Radnor Township – 40” Maple – Hollow interior

275 Hothorpe La. – 43” American Beech – Diebeck and Beech Bark Disease

104 Browning La. – Red Oak – split and decayed

12 Barley Cone La – 41” American Sycamore – 30% lean towards house

The meeting adjourned as there was no more business before the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzan Jones