

**Shade Tree Commission of Radnor Township
Wayne, Pennsylvania
Minutes of the Meeting of April 30 2019**

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, James Gibbons, Virginia Hart, Joseph Garzio, Clare Griton

Absent: Matt Golas

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

Meeting Minutes – March Meeting Minutes

Approved 5-0

Eileen Brett, Chair, James Gibbons, Virginia Hart, Joseph Garzio, Clare Griton

New Business

A. **GP19-062** 301 Windsor Ave

- Brian Madsen represented the applicant
- 1 -10" Maple Tree is to be removed

The Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission recommendation:

Approved 5-0

Eileen Brett, Chair, James Gibbons, Virginia Hart, Joseph Garzio, Clare Griton

B **GP19-034** 607 King of Prussia

- Mike Cissio from the pool company & Venessa Kreckel, owner reviewed plans

The Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission recommendation:

Approved 5-0

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C **GP19-056** **112 Harvard**

- Patrick Spellman, P.E. Site Engineering and Christy Flynn, Rockwell discussed plans
- Due to the Overall Landscaping plan being approved during the Subdivision process, The applicant would like to request that they get relief from attending a meeting each time there is a new lot being built.

The Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission recommendation:

Approved 5-0

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D **GP19-042** 233 Ashwood

- Mike Cooly, Applicant, and Bohler Engineering reviewed plans

The Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission recommendation:

Approved 5-0

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E **Capital Budget and Proposed Shade Tree Commission Recommended Projects**

Wayne Business Overlay Tree Planting Project

- Steve Norcini, P.E., Township Engineer reviewed letter accompanied in the April 30 Agenda Packet.
- Although a consultant will most likely be used for this project, the BOC would like the Shade Tree Commission and Township Arborist input on species to be planted.
- There are several meetings still to be had and this project has not been approved nor any date on when/if it will.

Resolution 2019-37 2019 Spring tree contract

- This contract was awarded to All Seasons Landscaping

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Tree Removal without approval/ Clearing Permits

Trees Removed without Approval

- None at this time

Clearing Permits

- None at this time

Trees Removed without Approval

Violation Notices

- None at this time

Clearing Permits

- None at this time

2019 Goals

Old Business

- A Fillipone/Bo Connor/LaMaison Tract Update
- Steve discussed the grant funds process.
 - The request was made to be on the Capital List. There is no knowledge on if it will be funded.
 - The Shade Tree Commission discussed options on how to proceed with the project.
 - The Commission would like to pull this project from the Capital List until further review of options
- B Discussion of Net Loss of Tree Basal Area – Example 321 Lancaster Avenue
- C Enhancement of Shade Tree Archives
- D Shade Tree Ordinance Enforcement
- E Proposed Project of Warren Fillipone Park – Horgan Tree Experts Proposal Attached

Public Participation

None at this time

Hazardous Trees

A	724 Campwoods Road	34” DBH Pin Oak
B	117 Laurier Place	40” DBH Oak
C	600 Houston Road	48” DBH Turkey Oak
D	614 Glenmary Road	1 Ash, 1 Black Pine, 1 Norway Maple

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Tree Removal by Radnor Township

4/5/2019 Encke Park
14 Trees - 5 Ash (16", 20", 25", 26", 21")
1 Beech (28")

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		2 Oak (19" , 28")
		3 Poplar (16", 30" , 33")
		3 Maple (16", 18", 23")
4/9/2019	413 Wyldhaven	25" Maple
4/9/2019	235 Walnut Ave	8" Spruce
4/9/2019	308 Midland Ave	28" Maple
	308 Midland Ave	33" Maple
	308 Midland Ave	24" Maple

Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission **Approved 5-0**
Eileen Brett, Chair, James Gibbons, Virginia Hart, Joseph Garzio, Clare Griton

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Sherwin

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2019 Radnor Township Shade Tree Committee Goals – April 2019 Agenda

Items covered (bold); Action items (red); Notes (blue)

1) Implement the Master Street Tree Charter – Matt & Eileen

- a. Complete the tree inventory as proposed in the charter. - Matt
- b. Address gaps by offering both Spring & Fall Plantings of both large and small trees.
 - i. Communication completed by Ginny (FB, website and flyers distributed)
 - ii. Contract awarded to All Seasons Landscaping for \$38,000 for 70 trees.
 - iii. Required to be in the ground by Jun 15th.
 - iv. Allow the trees to be ordered now as specified in the bid or with replacements based on nursery availability as specified by the Township Arborist.
 - v. Resident and Park locations need to be identified by May 15th.
 - vi. **ACTION: Identify parks in need of trees - Claire**

2) Keep the Ordinance Current and Effective – Joe

- a. **Implement Bamboo Ordinance**
 - i. Proposed ordinance below as drafted by the Township Arborist was approved.
 - ii. **ACTION: Present to BOC for approval - Eileen**
- b. Help residents, developers and contractors follow the ordinance via #3.
- c. Update ordinance - Joe

3) Serve our Residents via Proactive Communication – James, Joe, Ginny

- a. Have communications go live on the Radnor Township Website
- b. Increase Education and Awareness to help keep and improve Radnor's Tree Canopy
- c. Make it easy to obtain advise on existing trees of concern to keep everyone safe.
- d. Advise residents during construction projects on how to protect existing trees.
- e. Provide input on Key Issues (e.g. EAB, spotted lantern flies).
 - i. **ACTION: Post the Radnor Conservancy invasive plant poster on our STC website – Patricia Sherwin**
- f. Storm and Electrical Line concerns
- g. **ACTION: Provide list of Hazardous Trees and location to Steve McNelis (~ 65) – Matt**
 - i. **Next Meeting: What is the definition of a Hazardous Tree? – John or James**

4) Manage Shade Tree Fund - Eileen

- a. Obtain Grant Funds

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- b. Plan & Utilize the funds provided in the 2019 budget
- c. Provide budget request for the 2020 budget.
- d. Document trees removed and planted in our minutes.
- e. Eileen confirmed with Bill White that \$25K wasn't transferred in 2018 from the Township Fund to the STC Fund due to the high balance already in the STC Fund, and thus the ability to better utilize these funds elsewhere.



5) Partner with our Stakeholders - Eileen:

- a. Radnor Board of Commissioners (BOC)
- b. Radnor Conservancy
- c. Wayne Business District
 - i. As part of New Business, Steve Norcini gave an update.
 - ii. Our role will be to give advice on the plan and trees selected.
 - iii. We anticipate given the proposed plan to remove all existing trees that some resident education will be necessary, which will be the Township's role.
 - iv. We do question the need to removal all trees vs preserving some trees or doing this in phases. James volunteered to walk the downtown and offer input.
- d. Contractors
- e. Developers
- f. Radnor Township Staff
- g. Other Townships

*Let's enhance and protect our
tree canopy!*

6) Be Green and Efficient - Eileen:

- a. Continue to minimize paper copies via 2 paper copies (1 to Matt; 1 at Meeting).
- b. Make efficient use of our volunteer committee.
- c. Benchmark and learn from other townships.
- d. Make efficient use of our residents, developers and contractors time.

7) Explore measuring the Tree Canopy

- Determine if there are other ways to measure the historical and current and future canopy.
- Consider Google Earth and qualitative.

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Bamboo Ordinance – Approved by STC at April 30, 2019 Meeting

RATIONALE

Invasive bamboo species spread rapidly and create a dense thicket, crowding out native species found in Radnor. Many bamboo species produce allelopathic compounds (natural herbicides), which prevent other plant species from living in the understory of a bamboo thicket. In turn, understory plant loss can result in erosion. In addition, North American wildlife species do not eat bamboo. Because bamboo can out-compete native vegetation, rhizomatous bamboos can negatively impact wildlife forage and diversity.

RUNNING BAMBOO

Any of various woody or arborescent grasses, as of the genera bambusa, arundinaria and dendrocalamus of the subfamily bambusoideae, of tropical and temperate regions having hollow stems and thick rhizomes including but not limited to, Acidosasa, Arundinaria, Bashania, Brachystachyum, Chimonbambusa, Gelidocalamus, Indocalamus, Indosasa, Ochlandra, Phyllostachys, Pleioblastus, Pseudosasa, Sasa, Sasaella, Semiarundinaria, Shibataea, and Sinobambusa.

VEGETATION RESTRICTED

No person, firm, corporation or other entity owning or occupying any property within Radnor Township, Pennsylvania, shall plant, cause to grow or cultivate running bamboo.

PRE-EXISTING BAMBOO - Removal, Cutting or Trimming Required

The owner of any premises on which running bamboo plants or roots currently exist (prior to the adoption of this ordinance - Date XXXX) shall manage, trim or cut all running bamboo located on said property which is not contained. Running bamboo, including the root system, shall be no closer than ten (10) feet from any public right-of-way or any property line and they shall provide barriers to prevent future encroachment of running bamboo plants or root systems into these areas. In the event that the Bamboo encroaches onto said properties, Radnor township can exercise the right to demand removal and institute fines and penalties for mitigation.