

**Shade Tree Commission of Radnor Township
Wayne, Pennsylvania
Minutes of the Meeting of December 4, 2018**

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, Matt Golas, James Gibbons, Virginia Hart, Jack Millerick, Vice Chair,
Absent: Jeff Boogay, Clare Griton; Joseph Grazio*

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

Meeting Minutes – October Meeting Minutes **Approved 5-0**
Eileen Brett, Chair, Matt Golas, James Gibbons, Virginia Hart, Jack Millerick, Vice Chair,

New Business

- A. **GP18-162** 214-238 Ashwood
- Dave Fiorello reviewed plans
 - 4 trees to be removed
 - 8 replacements indicated on plan (4 will be large canopy trees)
 - Jim Gibbons suggested that the Township Arborist check on site while they are excavating.
 - Steve Norcini requested to note on plans that township needs to be notified when excavating will start.

The Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission recommendation: **Approved 5-0**
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- B **GP 18-170** 905 Wootton Road **Per Applicant's request, postponed till January**

- C **GP 18-172** 217 Laurier
- Andrew York - reviewed plans.

The Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission recommendation: **Approved 5-0**
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- D **GP 18-173** 109 Harvard
- Patrick Spellman and Christy Flynn from Rockwell reviewed plans
 - Tree table needs to be reworked
 - Suggestion to donate to the shade tree fund if there is not enough room
 - Kristy Flynn stated that the first goal is to save as many trees as possible

The Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission recommendation: Tree list to be amended, types of trees used for replacement, where the new trees are being planted

Tabled 5-0

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- E **GP 18-174** 111 Harvard
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- F **GP 18-175** 115 Harvard
- Patrick Spellman reviewed plans
 - 16 trees to be removed
 - James Gibbons suggested that applicant keep an eye out for the Spotted Latern Flies when removing trees

The Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission recommendation: **Approved -5-0**

Eileen Brett, Chair, Matt Golas, James Gibbons, Virginia Hart, Jack Millerick, Vice Chair

- G **GP 18-176** 108 Harvard
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2018 Goal Update

Trees Removed without Approval

None at this time

Clearing Permits

None at this time

Old Business

- A Fillipone/Bo Connor/LaMaison Tract Update – Jack
- B Discussion of Net Loss of Tree Basal Area – Example 321 Lancaster Avenue – Jack
- C Enhancement of Shade Tree Archives
- D Shade Tree Ordinance Enforcement

Public Participation

Hazardous Trees

- A 101 Drakes Drum 27.9 DBH Oak; 35.8 DBH Oak
- B 113 Landover 41" DBH Black Oak
- C 115 Barcladen Large Red Oak
- D 211 S Aberdeen Ave 36" DBH Norway Maple
- E 233 Hillcrest 28" Oak

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F	265 Ithan Creek	39" DBH Red Oak
G	514 Ramblewood	42" Beech Tree
H	550 Lancaster Ave	29" DBH Pin Oak; 32" DBH Pin Oak
I	820 Sproul Road	30" DBH Ash
J	680 Mill Road	36" DBH Silver Maple, 28" DBH Ash, 26" DBH Ash

Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission

Approved

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Tree Removal by Radnor Township

10/22/2018	170 Conestoga (W. Wayne Preserve)	7 Locust 1 Oak
10/22/2018	331 Overhill	33" Oak
10/22/2018	800 Roberts Rd	Dead Ash
10/23/2018	471 Glen Mary	6 Ash Trees (16-24")
10/31/2018	Ithan Valley Park	trees in the creek
10/31/2018	809 Castlefinn	35" Maple
10/31/2018	591 County Line Rd	2 small Maples
10/31/2018	504 Crestview Rd	small maple
10/31/2018	713 Miller St	33" Ash
10/31/2018	223 Poplar	44" Maple
10/31/2018	232 Poplar Ave	25" Maple
11/5/2018	104 Quaker	36" Pin Oak
11/5/2018	406 Wyldhaven	42" Pin Oak

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Sherwin

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2018 Radnor Township Shade Tree Committee Goals – 2018 Year End Review

- 1) Implement the Master Street Tree Charter – *Matt & Eileen*
 - a. Complete tree inventory as proposed in charter. – 2600 street trees surveyed, ~ 40% done (lowered from 50% based on survey of Radnor Trail).
 - b. Create a plan to address gaps. – Gaps identified, and funds requested in 2019 budget proposal.

- 2) Keep the Ordinance Current and Effective – *Matt & Jack*
 - a. Implement Recommended Tree List as an addendum for easy annual updating. – **DONE!**
 - b. Implement Bamboo Ordinance.
 - i. BOC concerns are that the proposed ordinance is too restrictive (e.g. penalties, significant governance required to enforce, conflict with other ordinances regarding burning).
 - ii. With the BOC concerns in mind, next steps are to modify the ordinance as necessary, then present to BOC for approval in person providing the rationale for key aspects of the ordinance.
 - c. Help residents, developers and contractors follow the ordinance.
 - i. Since typically every month there is one property where the trees are already removed, before the STC is notified, consider increased enforcement and possibly a shade tree hot line for 2019. Also consider proactively working with contractors who aren't licensed in Radnor.
 - ii. When the Township does receive calls from residents or businesses, they typically respond within 1 hour per Steve Norcini.
 - d. **New Goal Added for 2019: Update ordinance - Joe**

- 3) Serve our Residents via Proactive Communication – *James, Joe, Ginny*
 - a. Increase Education and Awareness to help keep and improve Radnor's Tree Canopy
 - b. Increase awareness of why a tree canopy is valuable.
 - 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. Make residents aware of the Spring and Fall tree giveaways.
Communications were created and approved, awaiting Jim Dolan to update website.

- 4) Balance the Budget – changed to “Manage Shade Tree Fund” in Oct2018 STC Meeting.
 - a. Obtain Grant Funds – Jack identified the 1st grant. We'll target this more for 2019.

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- b. Provide estimates for anticipated expenses. – Done!

Presented at the BOC November budget meeting.

- 5) Partner with our Stakeholders - Eileen:
 - a. Radnor Board of Commissioners (BOC) – Done.
 - b. Radnor Conservancy – Done.
 - c. Wayne Business District – Christopher Todd and the Township are pursuing their own project to regreen the Business District Area.
 - d. Contractors
 - e. Developers
 - f. Radnor Township Staff – Done.



Let's enhance and protect our tree canopy!

- 6) Provide input on Key Issues:
 - a. Emerald Ash Borer (AEB) – Included in 2019 Budget.
 - b. Storm and Electrical Line concerns
 - i. Talk to PECO/Cable Comcast about tree trimming practices. Joe Blackburn is the liaison.
 - ii. ACTION: Provide list of trees in wires to Steve McNelis, Public Works - Matt
 - iii. ACTION: Provide list of Hazardous Trees to Steve McNelis, Public Works - Matt

- 7) Be Green and Efficient - Eileen:
 - a. Utilize less paper. – Done!
 - b. Make efficient use of our volunteer committee. – More efficient use of Township Resources by electronically viewing drawings.
 - c. Benchmark and learn from other townships. – Eileen would like to invite Abington to share their ways of working.
 - d. Make efficient use of our residents, developers and contractors time.