

**Shade Tree Commission of
Radnor Township
Wayne, Pennsylvania
April 27, 2016**

Chairman Jack Millerick led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with Eileen Brett, Gus Feudale, Michael Drennan, and Mary Coe in attendance. Randy Hope and Skip Kunda were absent.

Jack Millerick moved to have a roster created of the members for internal communication purposes and forward the list to all members. Seconded by Gus Feudale, the motion carried. Including list of properties viewed.

Jack Millerick moved to have created a record of attendance of the members to ensure commission participation starting with January 2016. Seconded by Gus Feudale, the motion carried.

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| <i>Clem Macrone Park</i> | <i>GP # 16-50</i> | <i>Conditional Approval</i> |
| <i>Park alterations and renovations</i> | | |
| <i>4,138 CY of dirt</i> | | |

Joe Kimmel and Andy Korzon presented their plan. Meetings with the Garrett Hill Coalition for the past several years has resulted in this final plan which addresses many issues from neighbor input. Tree removal will consist of 26 trees, 94 trees will be planted and 44 of the trees will be large canopy trees.

Jack Millerick has concerns with the location of the existing baseball field in the arc of the proposed project. Steve Norcini explained that the plan, as presented, is the result of hundreds of hours of discussion with staff and immediate neighbors. He reminded the board that the number of replacement trees far exceeds the township requirements and any changes to the plan would result in added cost to the Township.

Public comment

Patti Barker, Chair of Garrett Hill Coalition, appreciates the concern of the removal of the trees which was a concern of theirs in the beginning, however, after they began working with the Township in designing the plans, this is the plan that best represents everyone's concerns. *Saving Hallowed Ground*, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation and protection of historical monuments, will be planting their first tree in Clem Macrone Park at the War Memorial.

Michael Brennan questioned if the Township if they would take a risk and not remove some of the heritage trees to see if they could survive the development.

Steve Norcini said he will re-evaluate the plan to see if there's any way to save any of the larger trees. However, if signs show differently, they will be removed. He will be on site every day during construction to keep abreast of the construction process. He also stated that all concerns will be considered and reviewed by staff and the engineer for the design process.

Jack Millerick moved to approve the plan subject to the Township looking at the plan to possibly modify or slightly relocate the playground area and/or the baseball field in order to save the heritage trees on site. Seconded by Gus Feudale, the motion carried.

40 Aldwyn Lane GP # 16-28 *Approved*
 Demo existing garage
 Construct new larger garage
 50 CY of dirt (keep on site)

A hazardous tree report will be submitted from Bartlett Tree Company for the tree on site.

19 Louella Court GP # 16-37 *Approved*
 Construct an underground garage
 450 CY of dirt
 Check @# of removed and proposed

197 S Spring Mill Road GP # 16-48 *Approved administratively*
 Construct an addition
 100 CY of dirt

10 Paul Road GP # 16-49 *Tabled*
 Single Family Dwelling
 800 CY of dirt (keep on site)
 26 Trees to be remove
 61 Trees to be planted includes 34 large canopy trees

Mr. Norcini stated that the township could accept trees from the developer or they could post funds in the big tree fund in lieu of planting since the site will not accept 61 trees. A mixture of planted and fees are acceptable, however, the total for tree compensation must equal 61 trees.

Michael Drennan is concerned with the amount of heritage trees are to be removed. The applicant was asked to supply a plan as to how many trees they can feasibly plant on the site. The applicant will be in touch with the township arborist to discuss possible proper placement of some replacement trees.

547 Woodland Court GP # 16-54 *Approved*
 Construct swimming pool

Steve Norcini presented plans of Arborvitae Trees on the campus of Cabrini College that need to be removed so that a generator can be installed. Replacement trees will be supplied for the proper required amount. John Hosbach will determine their dbh and advise the board next month of the proper replacement formula.

Villanova University has begun construction on all three phases of their projects. The subject of the existing narrow sidewalk along Route 30 was recently discussed at a neighbor meeting. Villanova has agreed to install a 6' wide sidewalk along the stretch of road from the proposed bridge to Route 320. The Board of Commissioners has granted approval for this project which includes the installation of a berm, removal of some trees and replacement of said trees. John Hosbach was included on the inspection of the trees to be removed, some were not viable and some were healthy. All trees were measured and ones that could be saved were. An additional 10 trees will be planted for this project. A formal memo will be forwarded to Villanova. The trees will be planted after all the work is completed and then planted where best to be placed through the campus.

Placement of the trees will be used as shielding and buffers to the residential neighbors.

The annual tree giveaway was this past weekend and was a huge success. A street scape project was possibly discussed for the future. Kimberly Donchess from Chanticleer along with John Hosbach and Steve Norcini may visit several streets in the area to view streets that need street trees. This will be discussed at a future meeting. An emerald ash borer flyer is on our website.

Hazardous Tree Removals
Approved for removal by Township Arborist

350 Highland Lane Applicant's paid \$ 1,500.00 out of escrow
(3) Beech Trees
Damage from construction

Academy of Notre Dame Will replant 3 trees
560 Sproul Road
51" Red Oak
Numerous dead limbs, history of large limb failure over where students exit buses and over walkways that students utilize

553 Woodland Lane Swamp White Oak, Sugar Maple & Flowering Cherry replacement
30" Tulip Poplar
Extensive top die bank, poor root flare, decay present at soil line & growing on a slope

424 Woodland Avenue Asked to plant a few trees
42" European Beech
Center leader is dead, tree pruned numerous time in last 10 years to remove dead and cut limbs back to viable live growth, decline spiral for 10 years, fruiting bodies on trunk and root flares, weakly attached limbs toward house

204 S. Spring Mill Road Asked to plant a few trees
36" Tulip Poplar
½ basal area with loose and missing bark, decay present at soil line Armillaria present

Cabrini College Asked to plant a few trees
42" Tulip Poplar
Tree hit by lightning, has large decayed scar, loose falling bark, fruiting bodies present on main trunk, falling dead limbs, close proximity to pedestrian sidewalk

6 Cushman Road Asked to plant a few trees
55" Ginko
Split co dominate, filled with concrete, heavy lean over house
45 ½" Willow
Dead limbs, history of limb failure, cracked leads

296 S Aberdeen Avenue Asked to plant a few trees
41" Spruce Tree – Dead
39" Horse Chestnut
Large broken section and is ivy and white rot on the trunk

305 Audubon Avenue Asked to plant a few trees

42" Silver Maple

Annual die back in canopy for past 5 years

1 main leader is entirely dead, Conks on the bark of the healthy side of the tree, tree sounds hollow and bark is coming off at the base

211 S. Aberdeen Avenue Asked to plant a few trees

32.5" Red Maple

Tree has a large basal cavity with signs of fungal activity

Tree has been losing limbs on clear days for the last 2 years

Tree is over the road