Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes September 25, 2013 7:30 PM

Chairman Howard Holden called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Also in attendance were Jim Ward; Jack Millerick; Jim Schwartz; John Hosbach, Township Arborist and Stephen Norcini, Director of Public Works.

138 Patton Lane 3 Car Garage 73 CY of dirt (leave on site) GP 13-78

Conditional Approval

The revised plan now shows all existing trees on site. Soil will be used to fill in some low areas on site. Equipment access will be on existing driveway. Tree protection fence should be placed around the trees in the area of the topsoil stock pile. Place tree protection fence around 15" Pine. Tree protection fence should be chain link fence. Revise plans and submit to engineering.

Approved with the aforementioned conditions: proceed with grading permit application.

123 Cambria Court Single Family Dwelling 800 CY of dirt (taken off site) GP13-127

Conditional Approval

Tree protection fence shall be installed prior to any construction/demolition. No trees will be removed as part of this application. Care should be taken in area of 32" Tulip Poplar. Back hoe should be used instead of bulldozer and hand demolition used where necessary. Tree protection should be moved to west of Poplar, remove garage and then replace tree protection fence further away from trunk of tree.

Approved with the aforementioned conditions: proceed with grading permit application.

115 Strafford Avenue Develop property into 11 Townhomes Density Modification 2013-D-07

Tabled

Revised plans were submitted after the applicant appeared before the Zoning Hearing Board and the Board of Commissioners after the Conditional Use Hearing. The applicant's landscape architect displayed photos showing the conditions of the existing trees slated to be saved as well as those recommended for removal. All trees on site will need to be tagged, and a revised plan submitted conforming to Shade Tree Ordinance requirements. Township Arborist will perform a site visit and verify all tree species, tags and coordinating plans. 28 trees are slated to be removed and 10 trees are proposed to be saved. Mr. Norcini requested that a plan be submitted showing existing features on the demolition plan which also includes the proposed construction overlaid. A shade tree buffer planting table should be detailed on the next plan. The applicant wants to save the Ginko tree. It will be near the new construction and board members had concern with that issue. A proposed compliant landscape plan was displayed. This plan, however, showed a wooded site and this is not what the neighbors requested. The next landscape plan displayed what the neighbors are requesting. 84 trees are required to be

replaced. Applicant is proposing to replace 92 trees. 68 miscellaneous shrubs are also proposed. Mr. Holden suggested a different kind of Pine that doesn't lose its lower limbs and commended the applicant who has been so appreciative of the neighbor's concerns. Compensatory required plantings should be showed and detailed as well as the additional plantings being proposed. Neighbor John Shane stated that they didn't realize the ordinance had recently been updated and Mr. Norcini verified it is on the website. Mr. Norcini noted the current Shade Tree Ordinance has been posted on the website since March of 2013. The applicant will return to the next regularly scheduled Shade Tree Commission with revised plans.

447 Barclay Road Single Family Dwelling 385 CY of dirt (taken off site) GP 13-134

Conditional Approval

Move topsoil stockpile further back and surround with tree protection fence. The 18" Sycamore will be removed in order to keep the 22" Silver Maple and the stockpile will be moved toward that direction. Revised plans will be submitted to engineering. Electric service should be moved further away from the existing trees. Add tree protection fence around 22" Maple.

Approved with the aforementioned conditions: proceed with grading permit application.

100 Hillside Circle Single Family Dwelling 1,040 CY of dirt GP 13-132

Tabled

A plan showing existing trees to be removed as well as replacement trees was displayed. 12 trees are to be removed and 16 trees are to be replanted. There was some discussion regarding the existing sanitary sewer easement. Mr. Norcini stated that the easement will become a private easement. Pictures were displayed that shows vines that have enveloped the existing old trees on site. Mr. Norcini requested a plan be submitted showing different line weights to show all trees, (existing and proposed), the proposed house, driveway and utilities so the plan is easier to read since it is so congested. The colored plan as displayed is easier to read than a black and white plan. The applicant is requested to remove an overlay to show the existing trees and contours without the proposed trees and then show the proposed house, driveway, stormwater management system and utilities so it can be easier to read. The water line in the back of the house can be moved so help save the large Ash in the back. Mr. Norcini stated that the grading permit application can move forward concurrently to not hold up the paperwork so the builder can move forward more quickly. Applicant is to make the noted changes, and return to the next regularly scheduled Shade Tree Commission meeting with revised plans. Grading permit review can proceed concurrently with this process. The grading permit cannot be issued until Shade Tree Commission approval is received.

110 Hillside Circle Single Family Dwelling 235 CY of dirt (left on site) GP 13-133

Approved?

5 trees are to be removed. 21 trees are to be planted. The applicant is requested to remove an overlay to show existing trees and contours without the proposed trees and then show the proposed house,

driveway, stormwater management system and utilities so it can be easier to read. Mr. Norcini stated that the grading permit application can move forward concurrently to not hold up the paperwork so the builder can move forward more quickly. Applicant is to make the noted changes, and return to the next regularly scheduled Shade Tree Commission meeting with revised plans. Grading permit review can proceed concurrently with this process. The grading permit cannot be issued until Shade Tree Commission approval is received.

121 Burnside Road Single Family Dwelling 380 CY of dirt (taken off site)

GP 13-148

13 trees to be removed. 6 trees are to be planted. Shift the driveway to the west and show tree protection fencing where required. The applicant is requested to remove an overlay to show existing trees and contours without the proposed trees and then show the proposed house, driveway, stormwater management system and utilities so it can be easier to read. Mr. Norcini stated that the grading permit application can move forward concurrently to not hold up the paperwork so the builder can move forward more quickly. Applicant is to make the noted changes, and return to the next regularly scheduled Shade Tree Commission meeting with revised plans. Grading permit review can proceed concurrently with this process. The grading permit cannot be issued until Shade Tree Commission approval is received.

Hazardous Tree Reports

1300 Eagle Road Remove 14 Trees

Approved by Twp. Arborist

841 Goshen Road Remove 9 Trees

Approved by Twp. Arborist

New Business

Scott Tree Service and Kingkiner Tree Service both removed trees without applying for clearing permits. Letters were mailed to the companies to apply for a clearing permit and they will be required to appear before the commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzan Jones