



RADNOR TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING SUMMARY

July 25, 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, Patrick Gillan, Steve Norcini and Robert Zienkowski.

1. 200 David Drive SD # 2012-D-10 Conditional Approval
Home Properties Broadlawn
Construct a 1,157 sq. ft. fitness center
3 trees to be removed – 5 trees to be planted

Bill Rearden (Bohler engineering) appeared on behalf of the applicant. Revised plans will be submitted to the Planning Commission showing the replacement trees. Tree protection will be placed along entire path in area of fitness center. Existing 12' wide drive path to be removed and 5' wide walking paths will be constructed.

Steve Norcini requested that tree protection fences need to be as far as possible from the trunks and as close as area to the imaginary drip line from higher branches.

Jim Ward requested that the stormwater management system be moved as far away as possible from the trunks of the trees. Construction site should be accessed from Charles Drive side.

Howard Holden requested that before the asphalt drive is removed, tree root systems should be fertilized and cut to help prevent damage to the root system.

Steve Norcini requested that revised plans be submitted noting the following; that extreme will be given in removing the asphalt, deep root fertilization occur prior to the start of the project, all roots to be pruned/cut prior to excavation, once old sidewalk is removed—the tree protection will be moved to the limits of the new sidewalk, no parking of equipment or stockpile shall be within the drip lines of any trees.

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| 2. | 486 St. Davids Ave
Remove (1) 47" Sugar Maple
Decay in multi-lead trunk | C 12-04 | Approved |
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Shreiner Tree Care – Dean Diehl presented pictures of heavily wooded lot. Howard Holden requests a replacement tree 3'4" dbh for the replacement. Planting will occur in spring of 2013

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| 3. | 219 Orchard Way
Remove (1) 47" Norway Maple
Decay in cavity trunk | C 12-05 | Approved |
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Shreiner Tree Care - Dean Diehl presented pictures of tree with heavy decay on house side. Tree will be replaced with required compensatory plantings.

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| 4. | 275 Hothorpe La
Remove tennis court
Move 650 CY of dirt
Dirt to remain on site | GP 12-105 | Conditional Approval |
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Manley Builders - Kevin Manley described the project. The excavation will go down approximately 6" to remove underneath piping system as well. Mulch will be applied by an arborist to the exposed root system of the existing tree in the proximity of the tennis court. 36" Maple on Newtown Rd side, the root system will be compromised roots to be hand dig where possible in root area and pruned, fertilized, etc. to help ensure livelihood of the tree.

Steve Norcini requested that the access route be shown on the plans for purposes of following with inspections, a tire cleaner should be shown on the plans and that revised plans be submitted noting the following; that deep root fertilization occur prior to the start of the project, that all roots to be pruned/cut prior to excavation, that no root compacting take place during the installation of the new top soil and tree protection to be placed around the Maple.

The drain field should be moved as far as possible away from Maple. Move the feed line into the stormwater management system as far to the east as possible. The top soil should be of good quality and show the construction access

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| 5. | 1300 Eagle Rd
Eastern University
Resubmission
Proposed new entrance off Eagle Rd
39 trees to be removed – 53 trees to be planted | GP 12-82 | Conditional Approval |
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Karen McManuels & Carl Altomare displayed plans. The removals and plantings are the same as last plan. The plan submitted shows the over lay of all existing impervious and structures and

the construction of new driveway, removal of single family dwelling, etc. as requested last month by the Shade Tree Commission. The driveway should be moved at least 10' from 30" tree in area of existing shed. Species of the trees should be detailed.

Applicant was requested to increase the caliper of trees as a large amount of canopy will be removed. Larger canopy trees are suggested to be planted in the replacement formula. 3-4" caliper trees is suggested as the replacement trees. The Saucer Magnolia, etc. is suggested to be changed to larger canopy trees. White oak family trees were suggested by Howard Holden. Shift drive in area of shed, larger canopy trees. Revise plans and submit to the Engineering Department detailing the requested changes.

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| 6. | 1300 Eagle Rd
Eastern University
Construction of loop road through campus
Requirement of land development for Student Union Bldg.
2,500 CY of dirt to be moved
29 trees to be removed – 50 trees to be planted | GP 12-107 | Tabled |
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Steve Norcini requested a plan be submitted showing an overlay plan with the existing and proposed roadway. Pictures of the existing elm and its condition be submitted along with the overlay plan. This will help detail the impact on the site.

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| 7. | 517 Atterbury Rd
Raze existing dwelling & construct new single family dwelling
Move 500 CY of dirt Dirt to remain on site
7 trees to be removed 8 trees to be planted | GP 12-109 | Tabled |
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Mike Ruffo stated replacement trees will be planted in accordance with the requests of the homeowners, not shown as a straight line as detailed on the plan. The 8 trees will be planted throughout the site. Utility lines will be utilized.

Steve Norcini requests the applicant utilize the existing sanitary sewer line. 30" maple tree should be marked in accordance with the scale of the plan. Clarify if the existing sanitary sewer will be utilized. If so, the line should be televised to ensure the line is adequate to handle the new flow. If line is to be removed and new line constructed, new location needs to be detailed as the existing line appears to be within the drip line of the 30" Maple and the 38" Oak. The plans should more accurately represent the actual width of the areas of the canopy of the trees.

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| 8. | 40 Louella Ct | Conditional Approval |
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Howard Holden recused himself from review of the application. Steve Shreiner reported that the Dogwood Tree was slated to be saved and transplanted. A bolder underneath exhibits no room for proper root ball system. Viable soil is unattainable due to the bolder underground.

Cas Holloway requests to remove the tree and plant 2 3-4" caliper trees on the front side of the property.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Hazardous Tree Reports

20 Meadowood Rd	36"+ Willow	Trunk snapped, wires down, decayed
125 Chew La	Multi-leader Ash	Decay in trunk unions
163 S Spring Mill Rd	42" & 44" Ash Trees	Standing dead
340 Harbison Rd	36"+ Red Oak & Chestnut Oak	75% dead, dead crown, decay
247 Lowrys La	42" Silver Maple	Extensive decay, tip die-back

There is no requirement in the present ordinance that requires a replacement tree be planted in the event a hazardous tree is removed.

A copy of the draft Shade Tree Ordinance was presented to the Board for their comments and review.

Steve Norcini announced that he will make a request to the Board of Commissioners at their August meeting to retain an independent certified arborist to assist the Township with any tree issues that may come before the Township.

The Shade Tree Commission is pleased to hear that an independent arborist will be brought on board.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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