



Shade Tree Commission

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Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday, January 23, 2023

Location: 1014 Darby Rd, Havertown, Pa., 19083 – Room B

Time: 7:30 P.M.



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HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP

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Monday, January 23, 2023 @ 7:30 pm

Location: Township Building, Room 201B
1014 Darby Road, Havertown PA 19083

Agenda Items:

1. Commission Work Session (No Public)
 - Reorganization appointments
2. Public Comments (if any)
3. Plan Reviews (as required)
 - 315 Farwood Road
 - 774 Lawson Avenue
 - 417 College Avenue (replacement tree plan) – if received
4. Approval of Minutes from November 28
5. 2022 Tree City USA Application
6. PROS Plan Update
7. 2023 Goals Discussion
8. New Business (if any)

2023 Meeting Calendar: 4th Monday of Month @ 7:30pm

January 23

February 27

March 27

April 24

May 22

June 26

July 24

August 28

September 25: No meeting, Jewish Holiday

October 23

November 27

December 25: No meeting, Christmas Holiday



Minutes

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Minutes for Monday, January 23, 2023

Meeting took place in Room 201B, Township Building,
1014 Darby Road, Haverford PA 19083.

Joe Celia called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Commission Members Attending: Paul Davit, Jim Stephens, Andrew Mink, Doreen Alvarez Saar, Felicia Hurewitz, and Joe Celia, Township Code Enforcement

Absent: Panos Kalogeropoulos

1. Session to establish committee appointments for the year. Motions were made and seconded for each of the 3 officer positions. Motions passed unanimously.
 - a. Chair: Paul Davit; Vice Chair: Doreen Alvarez Saar; Secretary: Jim Stephens
 - b. Doreen Saar left the meeting after the selection of officers
2. Public comment. 2 members of the public present. Josh Lane and Liv Balch, students from Haverford High School came to observe the meeting as part of a school project.
3. Property Plan reviews.
 - a. 417 College Avenue, Havertown PA. Revision requested at 11/28/22 meeting has not been received.
 - b. 315 Farwood Road, Wynnewood, PA. Plan presented by Chris Yohn, Yohn Engineering, Collegeville PA. Sposato is the Developer. Mike Gillan, arborist for the builder, assisted in the presentation.
 - i. There was discussion about the viability of a 48" heritage Oak that will be removed as it is in the footprint of the planned house. Mike Gillan presented his evidence that the tree is dying (pictures and statements). Felicia Hurewitz, who lives in the Farwood neighborhood, presented a 2nd arborist report by Christopher Uhland, Downingtown PA suggesting that the tree is viable. Andrew Mink, arborist and Shade Tree Commission member, agreed to assess the tree and resolve the dispute, although his initial assessment, based on the photos and knowledge of Oak tree diseases, was that the tree was diseased.
 - ii. There was also discussion of the sizes of other trees to be removed. Agreement was reached on sizes.
 - iii. The Developer will submit an updated tree replacement plan prior to finalizing approval.
 - c. 774 Lawson Ave., Havertown PA. Plan presented by Chris Yohn, Yohn Engineering, Collegeville PA. Sposato is the Developer.
 - i. One old home and 4 trees will be removed and 2 new homes will be constructed.

- ii. Four trees were proposed as replacements at the meeting. No species were specified and no list given as part of the plan. Placement of a stormwater basin precludes a 2nd street tree as the code specifies, although Chris Yohn stated he would review the plan to determine if an additional street tree could be accommodated. One street tree was proposed and 3 others to be planted in the back of the lots. This satisfies the replacement requirement. The STC made recommendations for the types and placement of replacement trees. Recommended species for replacement and street trees: White Oak, American Sycamore, Red Maple, Blackgum, Sweetgum, Amur Maackia, and Hophornbeam.
 - iii. Motion made by Mr. Davit and seconded by Mr. Stephens to recommend approval of the required permits with 4 trees to be planted one each to be selected from species listed above. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Mr. Davit made a motion to approve the minutes from November 28, 2022. Mr. Stephens seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
5. Tree City USA application. It was reported that the only remaining requirement is Dave Berman's signature. The application needs to be sent by Feb. 1, 2023. Paul will follow up on this.
6. Paul reported on Parks and Rec, PROS (Parks, Recreation and Open Space) planning meeting held on January 11, 2023.
 - a. More discussion of the goals and plan.
 - b. Brian Barrett, Head of Parks and Rec, talked about the need for planting more trees in the Township parks. He has suggested that a walk through assessment needs to be done. Jim Stephens volunteered to do this with Brian.
7. Paul reported that the Township has approved the STC budget of \$19,500 for 2023. This will include \$6000 for Tree Tenders and \$6000 each for the Spring and Fall tree giveaways. That means approximately \$1500 for other STC projects.
8. Spring and Fall tree giveaways were discussed briefly. Felicia agreed to organize the upcoming Spring giveaway.
9. Members were asked think about other STC goals for the coming year. Initial suggestions included:
 - a. Finding ways to educate people of the township about taking care of their trees.'
 - b. Promoting the idea of the township hiring a consulting or staff arborist
 - c. Surveying and promoting replacement of street trees.
 - d. Getting a list of all trees removed and replaced on township land annually.
 - e. Meeting with the Public Works Tree Superintendent to find out what he does and possible ways to collaborate.

Mr. Davit made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Stephens seconded and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 27 at 7:30p.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Stephens, secretary