



Shade Tree Commission

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Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday, February 27, 2023

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

Time: 7:30 P.M.



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HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP

Shade Tree Commission

Monday, February 27, 2023 @ 7:30 pm

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

Agenda Items:

1. Commission Work Session
 - Approval of Minutes from January 23
2. Public Comments
3. Plan/Permit Reviews
 - 2802 St. Mary's Road Tree Removal Permit
4. 2022 Tree City USA Application
5. PROS Plan Update
6. 2023 Goals Discussion
7. 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 HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP Shade Tree Commission



Minutes for Monday, February 27, 2023

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

Paul Davit called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

1. Public comment. 2 members of the public present. See Ellis Eisen and Matt Wright below.
2. Property Plan reviews.
 - a. 315 Farwood Road, Wynnewood, PA. This plan has not yet been approved.
 - i. Ellis Eisen, Attorney and neighbor at property adjacent to 315 Farwood, was present at this meeting. He presented a statement as a neighbor who has personally experienced flooding in his home during heavy storms despite French drainage on his property. His contention is that the removal of the heritage oak (which he believes to be viable based on previous evaluation by arborist Christopher Uhland, presented at last meeting) and several large cedar trees will significantly increase the storm water problem and that the drainage system proposed by the developer's plan would not be sufficient to manage the increased storm water. He further stated that he believed that the Township Tree Code gives the STC the authority to decide against removal of these trees citing codes 170-1.A1 and 170-4.5. He also stated that a Resistograph could be used to determine viability of the Heritage Oak in question.
 - ii. The STC does not feel comfortable making a decision regarding this issue, as it has no prior experience with storm water issues relative to site approval recommendations. We understand that TWP codes require a decision from the STC within 30 days of presentation of the plan, which was originally on 1/23/23 and updated on 2/27/23.
 - iii. The STC will send a letter to Dave Burman, TWP Manager requesting guidance on the issues of adequacy of the storm water drainage plan, the authority of the STC in this matter and the timeline of a decision needing to be made within 30 days.
 - iv. Plan approval was tabled until the STC hears back from the Township.
 - v. On March 8, via email, motion made by P. Davit to recommend approval of the plan as submitted on February 27 for 315 Farwood Road, which includes 12, 2.5" trees to be planted along the sides and rear of the property, plus 2, 2.5" street trees, and a fee in lieu of planting of \$1,250 to be paid to the Township. Species are to be planted as indicated on the plan. Motion passed, via email, with P. Davit, D. Saar, J. Stephens, P. Kalogeropoulos, and A. Mink voting 'Yea' and F. Hurewitz abstaining.

- b. 2802 St. Mary's Road, Ardmore. Permit proposing to remove a tree.
 - i. Matt Wright, property owner was present to discuss this request.
 - ii. The tree in question is a 27" Norway spruce, which is in the place where the owner wants to build a driveway. The property is a rental property at which the owner used to live. He states and observation by STC members confirms that parking on this street is difficult.
 - iii. A suggestion was made to move the driveway to a position in front of the house in order to spare the Norway spruce. The owner based on the assumed aesthetic effect on property value rejected this.
 - iv. Replacement trees were discussed. The owner had proposed replacement with 3 dogwoods. The STC suggested instead replacement with a sycamore in the front and 1 white oak and 1 yellow wood in the back. The owner agreed with this suggestion.
 - v. Motion made by Mr. Davit and seconded by Mr. Stephens to recommend approval of the given permits with the plan to plant one Sycamore in the front of the property and one White Oak and one Yellowwood in the rear of the property. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Approval of minutes from January 23, 2023 meeting were tabled for further review.
4. 2022 Tree City USA application, including an additional Growth Award, has been submitted.
5. Felicia has agreed to serve as the liaison from STC to the EAC.
6. Paul reported on the most recent Parks and Rec, PROS (Parks, Recreation and Open Space) planning meeting, February 7, 2023.
 - a. A steering committee meeting is planned to discuss the contents of 2 recent public meetings the survey results returned from public distribution. They will look for and report on themes.
 - b. Brian Barrett, Head of Parks and Rec, will assess needs for more trees in the parks. He is not yet ready to do this. Jim Stephens will follow-up with Brian.
7. Spring tree lottery was discussed briefly. Date will be April 29, the day after Arbor Day. Jonathan Alderson will tag 120 trees (10 species. 6 shade and 4 flowering trees) at The Tree Authority as soon as possible. Cost will be \$4690 including delivery. Any leftover trees will go to Parks and Rec as before. Felicia agreed to organize the upcoming Spring giveaway with support from Paul.
8. Further discussion of STC goals for the coming year was deferred until the next meeting. Initial suggestions include:
 - a. Finding ways to educate people of the township about taking care of their trees.
 - b. Promoting the idea of the township hiring a full time or consulting 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 about possible ways to collaborate.
9. Paul stated that he would do the annual report from 2022 including pictures from the Tree Giveaways.

The meeting ended at 9:30 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Stephens, secretary