



## Shade Tree Commission

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Date: Monday, April 24, 2023

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

Time: 7:30 P.M.

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# Agenda

## HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP

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**Monday, April 24, 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 March 27
2. Public Comments
3. Plan/Permit Reviews (none submitted)
4. Spring Tree Lottery Update/Logistics
5. PROS Plan Update
6. 2023 Goals Discussion
7. New Business (if any)

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**2023 Meeting Calendar: 4<sup>th</sup> 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

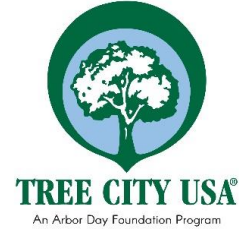
October 23

November 27

December 25: No meeting, Christmas Holiday



# Minutes HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP Shade Tree Commission



## Minutes for Monday, April 24, 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, Felicia Hurewitz, Andrew Mink, and Pano Kalogeropoulos

Absent: Doreen Alvarez Saar and Joe Celia, Township Code Enforcement

1. Public comment. Tim Marino, an arborist from the Davey Tree Company, was a spontaneous guest to the meeting. He was interested in what the STC does. We described to him some of the activities of the STC. We were also interested in what he might do for us possibly in the role of a neutral arborist to evaluate some of the claims made by arborists in the employ of builders we have been dealing with. Tim stated he would provide this kind of consulting service for us for free. Tim has recently inventoried all the parks in Lower Merion Township for tree hazards. There was discussion of pruning and tree care to save old trees. There was conversation about educating the community about the importance of trees and tree care. Working thru educational programs in the schools was suggested. The STC received a document from Arbor Day Foundation describing their K-12 school program. Another arborist mentioned as a possible consultant was Michael Dunn of Brandywine Urban Forest Consulting in Paoli.
2. Property Plan reviews. None
3. Minutes from the March 27, 2023 meeting were approved.
4. Paul reported on the most recent Parks and Rec, PROS (Parks, Recreation and Open Space) planning meeting, April 19, 2023.
  - a. Discussion centered around the connectivity of all the trails in the Township and identifying areas to prioritize. An effort will be made to do this. PROS will work with information from the Delaware Valley Planning Commission to extend the connectivity of township trails throughout the county.
  - b. There will be several more meetings of the PROS committee and another public meeting to be announced.

- c. Brian Barrett, Director, Parks & Recreation, will assess parks for tree planting in May.  
Question: are detailed maps of the TWP parks available.
5. Spring tree lottery was discussed. Date will be April 29, the day after Arbor Day.
  - a. Winners will be informed tonight via email (Monday). There have been 278 entries for 120 trees. 70% of entries are matched to their 1<sup>st</sup> choice.
  - b. Trees will be delivered on Friday at 3 pm. Paul, Pano and Jim will take delivery and set the trees up for distribution. The Giveaway will start on Saturday at 9 am in the TWP building parking lot.
  - c. Felicia has copies of a one-page waterproof handout of tree planting instructions from the Arbor Day Foundation.
6. Felicia staffed a table at the TWP Earth Day events at the CREC to communicate about the Shade Tree Commission, the Spring Tree Lottery and handout educational materials about planting trees.
7. Andrew agreed to write a short piece on the damage vines can do to trees.
8. Goals for 2023: Notes from this meeting.
  - a. Organize 2 resident Tree Lotteries in Spring and Fall to distribute 100-120 trees at each.
  - b. Work with community organizations to increase tree planting in public spaces.
  - c. Draft and submit to the Board the annual Arbor Day proclamation.
    - i. Completed
  - d. Submit a completed application that results in our recognition as a Tree City USA for 2023.
    - i. Online application opens in Sept.
  - e. Continued participation on the PROS Plan Steering Committee through submission of its final report.
  - f. Review residential/commercial/ public properties under development/ renovation as submitted by Code Enforcement, for adherence to the Tree Ordinance.
    - i. 774 Lawson - Jan; 315 Farwood - Feb; 2802 St Mary's Rd - Feb;
  - g. Update the list of recommended trees on the Township website, for use by residents and developers.
    - i. Submitted - waiting posting on the website
  - h. Work to establish an inventory of public trees in the township to identify how many trees are being removed, replaced and added. Also consider the possibility of geo-mapping the township tree canopy. Discuss with Andrew and Peter Hickman.
    - i. Andrew agreed to do geo-mapping of TWP canopy in May.
  - i. Work to improve communication and understanding of STC work and the importance of trees to the community at large.
  - j. Discuss the possibility of giving out plaques for Heritage trees, which might be identified by people sending requests with pictures.
  - k. Continue to promote the idea of a Township arborist who could provide unbiased assessment of tree health. It was suggested that language requiring this could be put into the Ordinance.
  - l. Pursue discussion with Township engineer on the topic of stormwater management and the consideration given when talking about tree removal.

- m. Review the Tree Code for language that is difficult or confusing and propose deletion, alterations and additions.

The meeting ended at 9:05 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 22, 2023 at 7:30p.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jim Stephens*, secretary