

**Shade Tree Commission of Radnor Township
Wayne, Pennsylvania
AGENDA**

*Wednesday June 19, 2019
6:30 PM*

- 1 Call of Order
- 2 Pledge of Allegiance
- 3 Meeting Minutes April 24, 2019
- 4 Tree Selection for the Wayne Business Overlay District Tree Planting Project, with Jonathan Alderson
- 5 New Business
 - A GP19-091 956 Wootton Road
0 Trees to be removed
100 cy of dirt to stay on site
 - B GP19-034 300 Upper Gulph
0 trees to be removed
50 cy of dirt taken off site
 - C 683 Conestoga Road – 5 Hazardous Heritage Trees
- 5 Tree Removal without approval/ Clearing Permits
 - Trees Removed without Approval
None at this time
 - Clearing Permits
None at this time
6. Violation Notices
 - Violation Notices
None at this time
7. 2019 Goal Update
 - Spring Tree Planting
 - How did it go?; Feedback from all
 - Cabrini Donation of 88 Trees – John Hosbach
8. Old Business
 - A Phillipone/Bo Connor/LaMaison
 - B Warren Phillipone Park
9. New Business
 - A Typical Resident and Business Application
10. Hazardous Trees
 - A 105 Cambria 43” DBH Norway Maple, 33” DBH Sugar Maple

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B	202 Hermitage	36" DBH Oak Tree, 26" DBH Cherry Tree, 24" DBH Sassafras Tree
C	580 Sinkler	36" DBH White Pine
D	664 Malin	38" DBH Ash

11. Trees Removed by Radnor Township

4/5/2019	Encke Park	14 Trees - 5 Ash (16", 20", 25", 26", 21") 1 Beech (28") 2 Oak (19", 28") 3 Poplar (16", 30", 33") 3 Maple (16", 18", 23")
4/9/2019	413 Wyldhaven	25" Maple
4/9/2019	235 Walnut Ave	8" Spruce
4/9/2019	308 Midland Ave	28" Maple
	308 Midland Ave	33" Maple
	308 Midland Ave	24" Maple
4/24/2019	119 Fairfax Rd	18" Hemlock
4/24/2019	264 Highland Ave	40" Chestnut Oak
4/24/2019	421 St. Davids	23" Maple
4/25/2019	510 W Beechtree	25" Tulip Poplar
4/25/2019	513 W Beechtree	30" Poplar
4/30/2019	106 Calvarese	30" Linden; 28" Linden
5/29/2019	Encke Park along stream	12 Pine Trees (22"-30")
5/29/2019	Encke Park along stream	48" oak

12. Public Participation

13. Contractor's List

14. Adjournment

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2019 Radnor Township Shade Tree Committee Goals – April 2019 Agenda

Items covered (bold); Action items (red); Notes (blue)

1) Implement the Master Street Tree Charter – Matt & Eileen

- a. Complete the tree inventory as proposed in the charter. - Matt
- b. Address gaps by offering both Spring & Fall Plantings of both large and small trees.
 - i. Communication completed by Ginny (FB, website and flyers distributed)
 - ii. Contract awarded to All Seasons Landscaping for \$38,000 for 70 trees.
 - iii. Required to be in the ground by Jun 15th.
 - iv. Allow the trees to be ordered now as specified in the bid or with replacements based on nursery availability as specified by the Township Arborist.
 - v. Resident and Park locations need to be identified by May 15th.
 - vi. **ACTION: Identify parks in need of trees - Claire**

2) Keep the Ordinance Current and Effective – Joe

- a. Implement Bamboo Ordinance**
 - i. Proposed ordinance below as drafted by the Township Arborist was approved.
 - ii. **ACTION: Present to BOC for approval - Eileen**
- b. Help residents, developers and contractors follow the ordinance via #3.
- c. Update ordinance - Joe

3) Serve our Residents via Proactive Communication – James, Joe, Ginny

- a. Have communications go live on the Radnor Township Website
- b. Increase Education and Awareness to help keep and improve Radnor's Tree Canopy
- c. Make it easy to obtain advise on existing trees of concern to keep everyone safe.
- d. Advise residents during construction projects on how to protect existing trees.
- e. Provide input on Key Issues (e.g. EAB, spotted lantern flies).
 - i. **ACTION: Post the Radnor Conservancy invasive plant poster on our STC website – Patricia Sherwin**
- f. Storm and Electrical Line concerns
- g. **ACTION: Provide list of Hazardous Trees and location to Steve McNelis (~ 65) – Matt**
 - i. **Next Meeting: What is the definition of a Hazardous Tree? – John or James**

4) Manage Shade Tree Fund - Eileen

- a. Obtain Grant Funds
- b. Plan & Utilize the funds provided in the 2019 budget
- c. Provide budget request for the 2020 budget.
- d. Document trees removed and planted in our minutes.
- e. Eileen confirmed with Bill White that \$25K wasn't transferred in 2018 from the Township Fund to the STC Fund due to the high balance already in the STC Fund, and thus the ability to better utilize these funds elsewhere.

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5) Partner with our Stakeholders - Eileen:

- a. Radnor Board of Commissioners (BOC)
- b. Radnor Conservancy
- c. Wayne Business District
 - i. As part of New Business, Steve Norcini gave an update.
 - ii. Our role will be to give advice on the plan and trees selected.
 - iii. We anticipate given the proposed plan to remove all existing trees that some resident education will be necessary, which will be the Township's role.
 - iv. We do question the need to removal all trees vs preserving some trees or doing this in phases. James volunteered to walk the downtown and offer input.
- d. Contractors
- e. Developers
- f. Radnor Township Staff
- g. Other Townships



Let's enhance and protect our tree canopy!

6) Be Green and Efficient - Eileen:

- a. Continue to minimize paper copies via 2 paper copies (1 to Matt; 1 at Meeting).
- b. Make efficient use of our volunteer committee.
- c. Benchmark and learn from other townships.
- d. Make efficient use of our residents, developers and contractors time.

7) Explore measuring the Tree Canopy

- Determine if there are other ways to measure the historical and current and future canopy.
- Consider Google Earth and qualitative.

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Bamboo Ordinance – Approved by STC at April 30, 2019 Meeting

RATIONALE

Invasive bamboo species spread rapidly and create a dense thicket, crowding out native species found in Radnor. Many bamboo species produce allelopathic compounds (natural herbicides), which prevent other plant species from living in the understory of a bamboo thicket.

In turn, understory plant loss can result in erosion. In addition, North American wildlife species do not eat bamboo. Because bamboo can out-compete native vegetation, rhizomatous bamboos can negatively impact wildlife forage and diversity.

RUNNING BAMBOO

Any of various woody or arborescent grasses, as of the genera bambusa, arundinaria and dendrocalamus of the subfamily bambusoideae, of tropical and temperate regions having hollow stems and thick rhizomes including but not limited to, Acidosa, Arundinaria, Bashania, Brachystachyum, Chimonbambusa, Gelidocalamus, Indocalamus, Indosasa, Ochlandra, Phyllostachys, Pleioblastus, Pseudosasa, Sasa, Sasaella, Semiarundinaria, Shibataea, and Sinobambusa.

VEGETATION RESTRICTED

No person, firm, corporation or other entity owning or occupying any property within Radnor Township, Pennsylvania, shall plant, cause to grow or cultivate running bamboo.

PRE-EXISTING BAMBOO - Removal, Cutting or Trimming Required

The owner of any premises on which running bamboo plants or roots currently exist (prior to the adoption of this ordinance - Date XXXX) shall manage, trim or cut all running bamboo located on said property which is not contained. Running bamboo, including the root system, shall be no closer than ten (10) feet from any public right-of-way or any property line and they shall provide barriers to prevent future encroachment of running bamboo plants or root systems into these areas. In the event that the Bamboo encroaches onto said properties, Radnor township can exercise the right to demand removal and institute fines and penalties for mitigation.