

**Shade Tree Commission of Radnor Township
Wayne, Pennsylvania
Minutes of the Meeting of March 20, 2019**

The Shade Tree Commission of Radnor Township at 6:30 PM in the Radnorshire Room of the Radnor Township Municipal Building, 301 Iven Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087

Present

Eileen Brett, Chair, Matt Golas, James Gibbons, Virginia Hart, Joseph Grazio

Absent: Jeff Boogay, Clare Griton

Eileen Brett called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes – January Meeting Minutes

Approved 5-0

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New Business

- A. **GP19-024** 111 Wheeler Lane
- Brian Madsen, P.E. from Momenee reviewed plans
 - 6 to be removed (15" & 18" Apple, 7" Dogwood, 38" Poplar, 6" Cherry, 1 Hazardous Trees, 1 stump)
 - Proposed replacement – 9 Trees to be planted, 4 Canopy (2 Red Maple, 5 Service Berry, 2 Swamp White Oak)

The Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission recommendation:

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- B **2019-D-04** 145 King of Prussia
- Mike Kissinger from Pennoni and Johnathan Alderson from Johnathan Alderson landscape Architect reviewed plans
 - Matt Golas mentioned that the original Landscape plans previously reviewed and approved do not seem to have changed. Matt has asked the Applicant to review any and all changes that have not already been approved.
 - Austrian Pine along the back have been added to the list to be removed as they have been deemed Hazardous
 - Plans show there are more replacement trees than required

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C ***The Inn at Villanova***

- Ryan from Shreiner Tree Care along with Pete from The Crane man Inc. explained to the Commission the Educational Training Program they will be running.
- The Crane Man Inc and Shreiner Tree Care would like to hold the training at the Inn at Villanova
- 48 Trees have been tagged as Hazardous, out of the 48 tagged, they feel up to 25 will be removed during this course.
 - They will start with removing the Ash Trees, then trees with significant (over 50%) decline
- Matt Golas would like to see Villanova plant new trees
 - Ryan from Shreiner Tree Care explained that Villanova has expressed interest in making some improvements. Ryan will sit down with Villanova after the training to review and express legitimate concerns with remaining Hazardous trees

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The Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission recommendation: FYI only. Given the large number of hazardous trees being removed; No approval required.

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Tree Removal without approval/ Clearing Permits

Trees Removed without Approval

- 412 Conestoga Road – Resident has appealed the violation

Clearing Permits

- Harvard Lane – Per Landscaping Plan approved by the Shade Tree Commission in January
- 100 Chetwynd – removal of 16 trees – Hazardous Tree Report submitted and Approved by John Hosbach
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Violation Notices

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 - No Heritage Trees are being removed

TREE REMOVAL CHART

QUANTITY	CALIPER	REPLACE
11	6"-18"	11
3	19"-30"	6
0	30" & OVER	0
TOTAL	14	17

- Proposed replacement trees

PLANTING SCHEDULE

BOT. NAME	COM. NAME	QUANTITY	CALIPER
	SWAMP WHITE		
QUERCUS BICOLOR	OAK	2	2.5"
ACER RUBRUM	RED MAPLE	3	2.5"
NYSSA SYLVATICA	TUPELO	2	2.5"
BETULA NIGRA	RIVER BIRCH	2	2.5"
CERCIS CANADENSIS	EASTERN REDBUD	3	2.5"
JUNIPERUS	EASTERN		
VIRGINIAN	REDCEDAR	5	2.5"
TOTAL		17	

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2019 Goals

Old Business

- A Fillipone/Bo Connor/LaMaison Tract Update – Jack
- B Discussion of Net Loss of Tree Basal Area – Example 321 Lancaster Avenue – Jack
- C Enhancement of Shade Tree Archives
- D Shade Tree Ordinance Enforcement
- E Proposed Project of Warren Fillipone Park – Horgan Tree Experts Proposal Attached

Public Participation

None at this time

Hazardous Trees

A	15 Cornwall Circle	Ash Tree
B	223 Berwind Road	36" DBH Elm
C	224 Spruce Tree	36" DBH White Oak
D	220 Spruce Tree	32" DBH Oak
E	205 Pine Tree	32" DBH Oak; 36" DBH Oak
F	18 Orchard Lane	46"+ DBH Silver Maple
G	1 Shannon	47" DBH Maple
H	211 Spring Mill	28" DBH Maple
I	555 E Lancaster Ave	14 Silver Linden – to be replaced by 6" Hybrid Elm & Black Gum
J	100 Chetwynd	15 Norwood Spruce; 1 Austrian Pine – Clearing Permit submitted and approved
K	22 Villanova Road	31" DBH Tulip Poplar
L	850 Lesley Road	32" DBH Tulip Poplar
M	304 Edgehill Road	42" DBH Sycamore
N	99 Woods lane	33" DBH Poplar
O	17 Villanova Road	31" Pin Oak
P	511 Montgomery	36" Tulip Poplar

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Tree Removal by Radnor Township

2/15/2019 Fenimore Woods Park 8 Poplar, 2 Linden, 18-24"

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2/20/2019	411 S. Ithan Ave	22" Sassafras
2/20/2019	205 Arden Rd	22" Oak
2/20/2019	108 Calvarese	23" Linden
2/27/2019	168 Conestoga (WWP)	25 Ash, 1 Maple, 1 Walnut

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Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Sherwin

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2019 Radnor Township Shade Tree Committee Goals – 20Mar2019

Notes in blue; Actions in Red.

- 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.
 - c. Spring Planting Notes:
 - i. Trees to be quoted – Quote 5 and 10 of each for a total of 35 and 70 trees.
 1. Small Trees:
 - a. Rutgers Dogwood
 - b. Redbud
 - c. Magnolia
 2. Large Canopy Trees:
 - a. Red Maple
 - b. Bi-Color Oak
 - c. Willow Oak
 - d. Black Gum
 - ii. Tree Sizes to be provided by John Hosbach to Steve Norcini for the bid.
 - iii. Timeline to be shared with Steve Norcini:
 1. BOC to award contract no later than April 29th.
 2. All work to be completed by May 30th.
 - iv. ACTION: Complete communication – Ginny (great job already!):
 1. Work with Kimberley Donches to modify flyer as discussed.
 2. Publicize via BOC newsletters, Township Website, Radnor Conservancy.
 3. Edit registration link/page to allow residents to select a small or large tree and list their preference if any.
- 2) Keep the Ordinance Current and Effective – *Joe*
 - a. Implement Bamboo Ordinance – We aligned on the following:
 - i. Existing bamboo to be maintained (grandfathered in).
 - ii. No new plantings.
 - iii. Fines subjective to review by the Township Arborist.
 - iv. No burning of bamboo.
 - v. Rationale for why to be included in ordinance.
 - vi. ACTION: Author paragraph – John; Present to BOC - 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).
 - f. Storm and Electrical Line concerns
 - i. ACTION: Talk to PECO/Cable Comcast about tree trimming practices. Joe Blackburn is the liaison. Jake Abel, 6th Ward BOC is pursuing.

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g. **ACTION: Provide list of Hazardous Trees and location to Steve McNelis (~ 65) – Matt**

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. **Action: Confirm with Bill White why \$25K wasn't transferred in 2018 – Eileen – Confirmed same as reason stated in Jan2019 meeting (high balance).**

5) Partner with our Stakeholders - Eileen:

- a. Radnor Board of Commissioners (BOC)
- b. Radnor Conservancy
- c. Wayne Business District
- 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.