

**Shade Tree Commission of Radnor Township
Wayne, Pennsylvania
Minutes of the Meeting of June 19, 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, James Gibbons, Virginia Hart, Joseph Garzio, Clare Griton, Matt Golas

Absent:

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

Meeting Minutes – April Meeting Minutes

Approved 6-0

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Tree Selection for the Wayne Business Overlay District Tree Planting Project, with Jonathan Alderson

- Need to get a list of trees
- Johnathan is proposing a list of trees and is open to suggestions.
 - Recommendation – Johnathan to make the decision and get back to staff

Permits

A. **GP19-091** 956 Wootton Road

- Dave Wilson –Resident of 956 Wootton reviewed plans
- No trees to be removed and proper tree protection will be around any tree near excavation

The Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission recommendation:

Approved 6-0

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B **GP19-034** 300 Upper Gulph Road

- John Smirga represented applicant and reviewed plans
- No trees will be removed

The Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission recommendation: Approved 6-0

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C 683 Conestoga Road – 5 Heritage Trees

- All 5 trees are heritage – 3 Maple, 2 Poplar, 1 Poplar in the front is not a hazardous tree
- Commission would like to advocate to save the Poplar in the front
 - Resident has the option of Keeping the tree, removing the Poplar tree and replacing it with 6 trees, 4 being canopy trees, or provide township with \$1,500 for tree replacements elsewhere in the township.

The Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission recommendation: 4 trees to be removed; 1 poplar in front of house should be pruned and saved. Resident does have the option to remove it and plant 6 trees (4 being canopy), or pay the township \$1,500 for the trees to be planted within Radnor Township.

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Tree Removal without approval/ Clearing Permits

Trees Removed without Approval

- None at this time

Clearing Permits

- None at this time

Trees Removed without Approval

Violation Notices

- None at this time

Clearing Permits

- None at this time

2019 Goals

New Business

- Gretchen Groebel and James Sweet – The conservancy is requesting that a shade tree ordinance form be on real estate documents for all new residence moving into Radnor Township.
- Gretchen is concerned about the PECO tree trimming and tree removal project.
 - Steve Norcini explained that the township does not have any authority over PECO from a tree trimming standpoint as they are regulated by the PUC.
- Gretchen is concerned about our ordinance when it comes to Hazardous trees

Old Business

- A** Phillipone/Bo Connor/LaMaison
- B** Warren Phillipone Park

Public Participation

None at this time

Hazardous Trees

- | | | |
|----------|---------------|---|
| A | 105 Cambria | 43" DBH Norway Maple, 33" DBH Sugar Maple |
| 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 |

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Tree Removal 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

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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.