

**Shade Tree Commission of Radnor Township  
Wayne, Pennsylvania  
Minutes of the Meeting of August 22, 2018**

*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, Clare Griton*

*Absent: Jeff Boogay, Jack Millerick, Vice Chair, Joseph Grazio*

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

Meeting Minutes – June 2018 and July 2018

**Approved 5-0**

**New Business**

A. **GP18-105** 305 Valley Place

**The Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission recommendation:**

**Approved 5-0**

*Eileen Brett, Chair, Matt Golas, James Gibbons, Virginia Hart, Clare Griton*

B. **GP 18-108** 108 Cumberland Place

**The Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission recommendation:**

**Approval 5-0**

*Eileen Brett, Chair, Matt Golas, James Gibbons, Virginia Hart, Clare Griton*

C. **GP 18-119** 120 Ashwood

**The Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission recommendation:**

**Approval 5-0**

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**2018 Goal Update**

- Kimberly educated the community on the projects approved would like to see education to the residents
- Would like to see rules listed on the township website
- Kimberly will send list of planted trees
- What do you need from us?

**Trees Removed without Approval**

None at this time

**Clearing Permits**

None at this time

**Other Business**

Ordinance Interpretation in light of 325 Barclay

- Discussed ordinance and are clear on our ability to approve or disapprove removal of a heritage tree, then applicants' ability to appeal decision to BOC within 20 days.

Fillipone/Bo Connor/LaMaison Tract Update – Jack – No update required

Discussion of Net Loss of Tree Basal Area – Example 321 Lancaster Avenue – Jack – No update required

**Public Participation**

Laura Luker, Radnor Conservancy (as noted elsewhere in the meeting minutes)

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John Sheehan, Resident of Windsor Avenue:

Suggested actions:

- Implement a goal to “have zero net loss of tree canopy”
- Revise ordinance based on \$ for loss of “tree basal area”.
  - Our plan is to educate ourselves more on the ordinance, identify gaps, then revise. Joe will take the lead on this. We can start this year. Propose this as a 2019 Goal.
- Benchmark with other townships – Abington, City of Atlanta, Maryland suggested.

Note: Storm water management systems under Radnor Middle School is not connected per Claire – thus good infrastructure is not being used.

**Hazardous Trees**

A	438 Round Hill Road	20” & 26” Tulip Poplar
B	610 King of Prussia	2 Poplar (26” DSBH), 1 White Ash (29” DBH), 1 Beech tree 18” DBH, 1 Black Oak (Dead, 40” DBH)
C	401 Conestoga Road	Red Oak (57” DBH)

***The Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission***

***Approved 5-0***

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**Tree Removal by Radnor Township**

5/15/2018	Arthur Rd.	22" Maple
5/22/2018	Roberts Rd.	5 large Ash & 1 Poplar
5/22/2018	200 S. Ithan	36" Norway Maple
5/22/2018	207 Poplar Ave	25" Maple
5/23/2018	Odorisio Park	42" Locust
5/23/2018		23" Pin Oak
6/13/2018	Township Bldg.	3 Ash; 2 Cherry; 1 Mimosa
6/13/2018	43 Lowrys Lane	50" Ash
		20" Hemlock
6/13/2018	200 S. Ithan	22" Hemlock

*Meeting Adjourned.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Patricia Sherwin*

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**2018 Goal Progress – Covered those in bold.**

**1) Implement the Master Street Tree Charter – Matt**

- a. Update on progress – 1000 trees surveyed!
  1. Villanova Streets.
  2. Conestoga Avenue
  3. South Wayne
  4. North Wayne
  5. Garrett Hill
  6. Tree Types:
    - a. Trident Maple and Chinese Lace Bark Elm do well under wires.
    - b. Ash trees in decline.
      - i. Too far gone to treat.
      - ii. Largest concentration is on Conestoga, many under wires.
    - c. Linden trees are thriving.
    - d. Silver Maples near Rosemont Village are getting old.
    - e. North Wayne has fewer street trees than South Wayne.
    - f. Most popular trees in this order - Maples, Cherry, Sycamore. Only 2 Elms.
- b. Identify gaps and develop a plan. When should we expect to start this? What help is needed?
  1. Gaps:
    - a. North Wayne
    - b. Garrett Hill
    - c. Ash Trees – treat healthy ones; remove hazardous ones
    - d. Hazardous Street Trees under Wires
  2. Plan:
    - a. Survey until Fall (leaf fall) – typically 100 trees / 2 hours.
    - b. Determine hazardous trees to be removed, and gaps that need planting
    - c. Then plant in Spring
    - d. Restart survey in Spring
  3. Help Needed:
    - a. Another two person team with at least one person who can recognize trees.
      - i. Laura Luker and John Sheehan volunteered!
    - b. **ACTION: Post on website for Internship - Ginny**
    - c. **ACTION: Seek student (high school biology senior) - James**



**Let's enhance and  
protect our tree canopy!**

**2) Keep the Ordinance Current and Effective – Matt & Jack & Joe**

- a. Implement Recommended Tree List as an addendum for easy annual updating. – Matt - Done
- b. Implement Bamboo Ordinance – Jack & Eileen
  1. BOC May 21, 2018 Meeting. Next steps to achieve approval?
- c. **ACTION: New goal for 2019 - Revise the ordinance to maintain or increase the tree canopy - Joe**

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

- a. Which of the 3 flyers provided by Ginny do we want to implement?
  1. #2 is the unanimous winner for the clean look and logo – with italicized heading.
  2. Approved with comment. **ACTION: Implement as indicated below - Ginny.**

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- b. Where are we implementing these?
  - 1. Post on Website with live links to information to promote action
  - 2. Notify Realtors
  - 3. Publish in the Wayne Magazine
  - 4. Post on the Radnor Township Facebook page
- c. Any help needed?
  - 1. Conservancy can help with info needed for web links per Laura Luker.
- **ACTION: Partner with John Sheehan for the Banbury replanting - James**



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**4) Balance the Budget – Eileen**

- a. Obtain Grant Funds - *Jack*
- b. **ACTION: Provide estimates for anticipated expenses - Eileen**
  - 1. What should our 2019 budget expenses be?
    - a. Removal of Hazardous Street Trees
    - b. Spring Planting under Wires
    - c. Replanting – Increasing Fall Tree Giveaway Budget
    - d. Considered to be 25 years behind the times, need \$3MM per year to make up for this.
  - 2. Who should be included?
    - a. Bill White, Township Finance
    - b. Steve McNelis, Public Works
    - c. Steve Norcini
    - d. John Hosbach, Township Arborist
    - e. BOC Member – TBD
      - i. **ACTION: Contact Lisa, the BOC President and Bob Zienkowski to request a BOC member become a sitting member on the STC to help us better effect change in alignment with the BOC's goals - Claire**
    - f. John Hosbach and Claire willing to support
  - 3. Timing?
    - a. Typically due in Oct2018.

**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

**6) Provide input on Key Issues:**

- a. Emerald Ash Borer (AEB)
- b. Storm and Electrical Line concerns

**7) Be Green and Efficient - Eileen**

- a. Which option would each person like to test at the September meeting to save paper and Engineering resource time?
  - 1. Option A – Sharing drawings – 1 hardcopy to Matt; and 1 hardcopy to be available at meeting start

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2. Option B – Memory Stick (back up if email is not possible)
3. Option C – Email – Jeff, James, Joe, Eileen, Claire, Ginny

**ACTION: Implement the above for the Sep Meeting - Trish**