

Haverford Township - Shade Tree Commission

Meeting: Monday, June 24, 2024

Time: 7:30 p.m.

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

Agenda

Agenda Items:

Commission Work Session

- Approval of Minutes from April 29, 2024
- Review and approval of Annual Report.
- Note: Jaime Jilozian as replacement for Joe Celia. Alexis will report.

Public Comments

Plan/Permit Reviews

- 7:40PM – 9 Blakely Road, Haverford, PA, David Fiorello, Engineer, Schock Group

Tree Removal Requests: None

Report and Plan

- Tree Lottery process (4/20/24): Review process of giveaway, suggest improvement

Heritage Tree Recognition Process

Continuing Business

- Discuss use of Google Docs
- Geomapping TWP tree canopy
- Discuss our interest in storm water management, possible meeting with engineer, \$
- Idea of offering a free tree to a new TWP resident, f/u
- Get to know your commissioner

New Business (if any)

Review 2024 Goals (as time permits)

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Minutes - In-person quorum was not reached for this meeting

Doreen Saar called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Roll call was taken. In-person quorum was not reached for this meeting.

Attendance

Commission Members Attending: Andrew Mink, Doreen Saar

Township Representation: Alexis De Santi, TWP Special Projects Coordinator

Members Listening in on Zoom: Jim Stephens, Felicia Hurewitz, Marie Occhiogrosso, Pano Kalogeropoulos

Commission Work Session

Minutes from the April 29th, 2024 meeting could not be approved - in-person quorum not reached.

Public Comments

None this meeting.

Plan/Permit Reviews

9 Blakely Road, Haverford, PA. Although the STC was told that David Fiorello, Engineer, Schock Group (representing John Shandra Landscape Architecture, Collegeville, PA) would appear to represent the applicant, no one attended this meeting. The permit was denied because no arborist report was presented to justify that the 38" oak should not be included in the calculation of the required planting. People representing the owner of the property will be contacted about requirements for the next meeting.

Tree Removal Requests

A tree removal request from 202 Canterbury was reviewed. Andrew Mink, licensed arborist, assessed the tree and reported to the committee that the tree was diseased and dangerous to the community. The tree removal request was approved and this recommendation was sent to the TWP.

Heritage Tree Recognition Process

Not reviewed this meeting.

General Discussion

Members were urged to submit any changes to the STC annual report (which had been circulated by email) as soon as possible.

Alexis De Santi announced the appointment of Jaimie Jilozian as the new Zoning and Planning Officer. She will be invited to the July 22nd, 2024 STC meeting.

Although there is a review process for heritage trees, there is no budgeting for replacement. This needs to be discussed further and a plan recommended to the TWP for cataloging removal and doing replacement of heritage trees.

The Township needs to do maintenance pruning of existing trees.

Marie pointed out the removal of two large heritage trees at the corner of Ardmore and Ellis. Is the TWP aware? Is there a system for making the TWP aware?

Felicia is continuing to work with the Environmental Advisory Committee. EAC is also concerned about storm water accountability on the plans for sub-divisions and the need for trees to be more strongly considered. When plans have a clear storm water issue, a specialist should be reviewing the plans. Is this happening? Do we still want to invite TWP engineer to our meeting?

Pano added to the agenda an issue at Howell Lane of a 60" silver maple. Sidewalk damage was reported. Residents reported that the Township tree crew showed up without due process. Alexis will report on the Code statutes involving sidewalks.

Review 2024 Goals (as time permits)

Not reviewed this meeting.

The meeting ended at 8:30 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 22nd, 2024 at 7:30 PM.