



# Agenda

## HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP

### Shade Tree Commission

**March 28, 2022 @ 7:30 pm**

**Location:** Township Building, Room 201B  
1014 Darby Road, Havertown PA 19083

**Agenda Items:**

1. Public Comments (if any)
2. Plan Reviews (as required)
  - 1801 Manor Road (2<sup>nd</sup> review)
3. Approval of Minutes from February 28
4. Spring Tree Giveaway Update
5. Tree City USA Update
6. 2021 Annual Report to Board of Commissioners
7. Discussion Items:
  - Model Template for Plot Plans
  - Township responsibilities for planting and maintaining public trees
  - Revise Approved List of Township Trees
  - EAC/Tree Tenders Task Force
  - Earth Day: April 22
8. New Business (if any)

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**2022 Meeting Calendar: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of Month @7:30pm**

~~January 24~~

~~February 28~~

March 28

April 25

May 23

June 27

July 25

August 22

September: No meeting, Jewish Holiday

October 24

November 28

December: No meeting, Christmas Holiday

**Face masks are now optional.**



## Minutes for Monday, March 28, 2022

Meeting took place in the Township Building, 1014 Darby Road, Haverford PA 19083, meeting room C.

Paul Davit called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Commission Members Attending: Paul Davit, Jonathan Alderson, Jim Stephens, Doreen Alvarez Saar, Panos Kalogeropoulos, and Joe Celia

Absent: Mark Pennington

### Public Attendees:

- Developer of 1801 Manor Rd site, Jim Bevan of Sposato Builders, Newtown Square PA 19073. Four people from the neighborhood.
1. The developer of 1801 Manor Rd presented the plan revisions.
    - a. Neighbors expressed various concerns about the planned development. There were public comments from neighbors Mike Dolan, Joanne Pittman, and Rebecca Burnett:
      - i. J. Pittman requested that two 3” trees, proposed by the developer, be planted on her property next door. This was acceptable to the developer and the STC.
      - ii. Neighbors requested that remaining replacement trees be planted in the neighborhood.
      - iii. Neighbors expressed various concerns about the planned development including the size of the house on the small lot and the removal of existing trees.
      - iv. A request was made that the developer try to make more effort to save the other trees on the lot. The developer agreed to attempt to save additional trees but could not guarantee success in all cases.
    - b. Shade Tree Commission (STC) made the following comments.
      - i. The proposed replacement Magnolia tree was not 3” DBH. To be 3” DBH it would have to be balled and in burlap. The developer agreed to plant the appropriate balled and burlap Magnolia.
      - ii. The Tartarian Maple suggested in the plan as a replacement is an invasive tree. It should be replaced with Red Maple or Swamp White Oak. The Developer agreed.
      - iii. Two 3” trees will be planted by the Developer on the J. Pittman property next door and 2 on the owner’s Lot 1. These 4 trees are an agreed upon exception to the code requirements.

- iv. Consideration was given to preserving the Spruce tree adjacent to the new foundation. Due to the uncertainty of its preservation, this tree was included in the Township Tree Replacement Calculations.
  - v. Giving the Developer credit for the 2 Pittman trees, it was agreed that the Developer was 9 trees short of the Township Tree Replacement requirements and would make a contribution to the Township Shade Tree Fund in the amount of \$2,250 (9 x \$250). The STC agreed that the money for those 9 trees would go to planting trees in the neighborhood, possibly before house construction is completed or by the coming fall. Neighbors in attendance agreed to find homes for these trees and coordinate planting with the STC.
  - vi. A timeline for the project was requested. Developer responded:
    1. Construction will start in 12-18 months
    2. Construction would be finished and replacement trees planted within 12 months from the start of construction.
  - vii. Following the discussion the Commission approved the Sposato Plan.
2. Minutes of the February 28, 2022 STC meeting were reviewed and approved.
  3. Tree City USA Application update: Application has been approved. A letter will be sent to Dave Burman in 2 weeks and the letter will then be posted. Doreen will follow-up on application for 2022.
  4. Update on Spring tree giveaway (4/30/22).
    - a. Pano suggested changing the name to Tree Lottery, as it would be more engaging.
    - b. Lottery selection would be made by Thursday 4/21, requests processed on Friday 4/22 and the giveaway held on Saturday April 30.
    - c. 100 trees would be distributed, (51 shade/ 49 flowering)
    - d. A website has been developed by Christina Mann. The information and request page will be posted on Facebook and the TWSP website.
    - e. People will list 3 tree preferences and will be given 1 of their 3 choices based on availability of the requested tree and the number of people requesting trees. An effort will be made to give 1<sup>st</sup> choices wherever possible.
    - f. Educational material about trees will be made available to guide choices
    - g. There was discussion of prequalifying sites for trees based on size of the site, presence of overhead wires, wet or dry soil, and a possible follow-up by Tree Tenders for survival check and pruning instructions.
    - h. Discussion of having a form for permission to take a picture of the tree once planted to use for publicity

The meeting ended at 8:45 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 25 at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jim Stephens*, secretary