



Shade Tree Commission

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Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Date: Monday, June 26, 2023

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

Time: 7:30 P.M.



Agenda

HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP

Shade Tree Commission

Monday, June 26, 2023 @ 7:30 pm

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

Agenda Items:

1. Commission Work Session
 - Approval of Minutes from May 22
2. Public Comments
3. Plan/Permit Reviews: None received
4. PROS Plan Update
5. Fall Tree Lottery Discussion
6. 2023 Goals Discussion
7. New Business (if any)

2023 Meeting Calendar: 4th Monday of Month @ 7:30pm

~~January 23~~

~~February 27~~

~~March 27~~

~~April 24~~

~~May 22~~

June 26

July 24

August 28

September 25: No meeting, Jewish Holiday

October 23

November 27

December 25: No meeting, Christmas Holiday



Minutes HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP Shade Tree Commission



Minutes for Monday, June 26, 2023

Meeting took place in Room 201B, Township Building,
1014 Darby Road, Haverford PA 19083.

Paul Davit called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Commission Members Attending: Paul Davit, Jim Stephens, Doreen Alvarez Saar, Pano Kalogeropoulos,
and Joe Celia, Township Code Enforcement

Absent: Andrew Mink, Felicia Hurewitz, Marie Occhiogrosso

1. Property Violation Notice review. Burger King Restaurant – BK586, 233 West Chester Pike, Havertown PA 19083. DC Folio No. 22-02-00863-00
 - a. History: Development of property involving demolition of old structure and building new structure was approved by TWP in 2016. The fence along Park Road was old and along with 26 trees was removed on June 5, 2023. This was not approved by the TWP. Letter Notice of Violation was sent to BK586 on June 13, 2023, indicating the STC would make recommendations on replacement trees.
 - b. 307” DBH trees were removed. No trees were heritage trees. Replacement calculation follows (1 to 4 rule) indicates 76” DBH would need to be replaced. This would be fulfilled by 38 - 2” saplings. Total replacement cost would be \$9500 as assessed. The committee discussed waiving any replacement fee after tree planting is agreed upon.
 - c. The Planning Commission specified that trees must be planted outside the new 143’ fence along Park Road.
 - d. The STC members recommended a variety of trees as replacements including: Leyland Cypress, Sycamore, Linden, American Holly, and Dogwoods.
 - e. BK regional manager, Sharif Burnette, was present at the meeting. He asked for recommendations for replacement trees and if there would be any penalty. The Burger King regional manager will return to the next meeting for approval of the tree replacement plan.
2. Minutes from the May 22, 2023 meeting were approved.
3. Paul reported on the most recent Parks and Rec, PROS (Parks, Recreation and Open Space) planning meeting June 7, 2023.
 - a. The meeting reviewed information from the previous public meeting and comments from the 1900 respondents to the survey. The greatest areas of concern were lack of amenities including restrooms and picnic tables in the parks. Merry Place, Paddock, Haverford Reserve and the Grange were mentioned. Cutouts on trails for benches were also a priority.

- b. There will be another PROS steering committee meeting in July and another public meeting and presentation to the Board of Commissioners in September.
4. Jim reported that Township Parks Tree Survey with Brian Barrett has not started yet. Discussed the possibility of Jim and Paul working on this project as Brian is very busy. Jim will follow up with Brian. Pano is also interested in helping.
5. Pano has written a draft of an announcement of the Fall Tree Lottery for the Fall TWP Newsletter. Several edits were suggested. Doreen will help write finished copy. A least one person who received a tree at Spring 2022 lottery has agreed to have a photo with their tree published as part of that announcement.
6. Fall tree lottery on October 28, 2023 was discussed. Felicia has agreed to organize this event. We will settle on a date for ordering the trees at the next meeting. Because the September meeting conflicts with Jewish holidays, we will set up an extra meeting in late September or early October to do any final planning.
7. Goals for 2023: Continuing summary notes
 - a. Organize 2 resident Tree Lotteries in Spring and Fall to distribute 100-120 trees at each.
 - b. Work with community organizations to increase tree planting in public spaces.
 - c. Draft and submit to the Board the annual Arbor Day proclamation.
 - i. Completed
 - d. Submit a completed application that results in our recognition as a Tree City USA for 2023.
 - i. Online application opens in Sept.
 - ii. Paul will do.
 - e. Continued participation on the PROS Plan Steering Committee through submission of its final report.
 - f. Review residential/commercial/ public properties under development/ renovation as submitted by Code Enforcement, for adherence to the Tree Ordinance. Lawson
 - i. 774 Lawson - Jan; 315 Farwood - Feb; 2802; St Mary's Rd - Feb; Library - May 2023; Burger King citation - June 2023.
 - g. Update the list of recommended trees on the Township website, for use by residents and developers.
 - i. Submitted - waiting posting on the website
 - h. Work to establish an inventory of public trees in the township to identify how many trees are being removed, replaced and added. Also consider the possibility of geo-mapping the township tree canopy. Discuss with Andrew and Peter Hickman.
 - i. Andrew agreed to do geo-mapping of TWP canopy in May.
 - i. Work to improve communication and understanding of STC work and the importance of trees to the community at large.
 - i. Establish STC tables for HT Day, Heritage Day, Earth Day celebrations where we can give away tree literature and talk about the mission of the STC.
 - ii. Talk about establishing a school Arbor Day program. Get guidance from Arbor Day and who would present in schools.
 - j. Discuss the possibility of giving out plaques for Heritage trees, which might be identified by people sending requests with pictures.
 - i. Plaques should be attractive brass or plastic

- k. Continue to promote the idea of a Township arborist who could provide unbiased assessment of tree health. It was suggested that language requiring this could be put into the Ordinance.
- l. Pursue discussion with Township engineer on the topic of stormwater management and the consideration given when talking about tree removal.
- m. Review the Tree Code for language that is difficult or confusing and propose deletion, alterations and additions.
- n. Follow up on: Joe Celia will follow up on the Lawrence Road project. Many of the small Arborvitae planted have died and need to be replaced. From June 26, 2023

The meeting ended at 9:00 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday July 24, 2023 at 7:30p.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Stephens, secretary