

Shade Tree Minutes Jan 22 2018
Haverford Township Shade Tree Commission

Minutes of January 22, 2017

Meeting took place at the Township Municipal Building Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair David Schneck

Committee Attendees: Joe Rastatter, David Schneck, Mark Pennington, Kathy Grentzenberg.

Absent: Paul Davit, Jospeh Celia (Township Liason)

There were no plans to review. Since this was the first meeting for new members Mark and Kathy, everyone introduced themselves and talked about their background and why they are interested in volunteering for the Commission. The workings of the Commission were discussed including process for reviewing plans. Issues of concern were discussed including Emerald Ash Borer problem coming soon to Haverford, recent PECO tree cutting and how to gather more information and respond, and reasons/ways to become a more proactive group in the future.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 26th at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by David Schneck

Haverford Township Shade Tree Commission

Meeting Minutes

2/26/18

Meeting took place at the Township Municipal Building, 2325 Darby Road, Havertown, Pennsylvania.
The Meeting was called to order by Chair David Schneck.

Commission Attendees: David Schneck, Paul Davit, Kathy Grentzenberg, Joseph Celia (Township Liason)

Commission Members Absent: Joe Rastatter

Other Attendees: Gerry Hart, 8th Ward Commissioner

Plans to review: None at this time

A number of topics were discussed:

1. Minutes from the January 22, 2018 meeting were approved.
2. Joe Celia gave a history of how the commission has worked with the Township Commissioners.
3. Commissioner Hart was recognized as the Commission's liason with the Board of Commissioners.
4. Ideas were discussed to raise the public awareness of the Commission, including use of social media, township publications and events like tree give-a-ways.
5. The Commission agreed to look at ways to coordinate efforts with the Haverford Township Tree Tenders program and the Haverford Township Environmental Advisory Committee.
6. The Commission discussed the concept of developing an overall long term Township tree plan and will research how other townships are addressing the reality of lost trees due to natural pests like the Emerald Ash borer and development related pressures like the recent tree work done by PECO in the Township.

The next meeting is scheduled for

Respectfully submitted by Mark Pennington

Haverford Township Shade Tree Commission

Minutes of April, 23 2018

Meeting took place at the Township Municipal Building Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair David Schneck

Committee Attendees: Joe Rastatter, David Schneck, Kathy Grentzenberg, Paul Davit

Absent: Mark Pennington, Jospheh Celia (Township Liason)

Guest Attendees: Gerry Hart (8th Ward Commissioner), Jeanne Angel (Tree Tenders), Peter Hickman (Haverford Reserve)

Jeanne Angel talked about her work with Tree Tenders including challenges experienced currently. Jeanne spoke from her experience while she was on Shade Tree and made suggestions for how Shade Tree might take on new projects and access grant money for it. Ideas were discussed about how Shade Tree might take on planting projects or add to the work that Tree Tenders is doing.

Kathy G. – Has sent a “blurb” on the Emerald Ash Borer and the Spotted Lanternfly to Greg Vitali, State Rep. He will be sending out an e-mail blast to alert residents. (see 4/25/18 email).

Peter expressed concern that the zelkova trees planted in front of the new Township Bldg near electrical lines will grow too large and eventually need to be drastically pruned. There was also concern that the current approved plan is not the same as the one the Shade Tree Commission approved. Shade tree will review plans, look at placement of zelkova trees, and consider recommending trees be replaced with alternative species. Dave will call Joe Cella to request this for discussion at our next meeting.

Emerald Ash Tree Borer – David mentioned that he hasn’t heard anything from the township on EAB planning. Peter mentioned that he thinks that a tree company has been hired by Larry/the township to inventory Ash trees in township parks including the Haverford Reserve. David will follow up with township to clarify and get more info on this.

Record Keeping – The lack of accurate record keeping for trees taken down by township was discussed. Estimate provided by Public works for the Tree City USA application for trees taken down in 2017 is 200. # of trees planted estimated by Jeann is 100.

The township was awarded Tree City USA status for 2017. David picked up banner and award materials at Earth Day event from PA Forestry. We will discuss announcing the award formally at next meeting. Gerry said that he thought Commissioners would agree to have a group photo with the banner taken before or after the June meeting.

Grants – There are grants available from PECO as well as other organizations for tree planting projects. We will discuss pursuing these grants further at the next meeting.

Recommendation to the Township Commissioners: We will plan to have this ready for their June meeting.

Social Media, Civic Association, Environmental groups in the Township etc. – Discussion of ways to “get our The out.” - We have already put some info out their with different groups, i.e., H-CAN, e-mail blast from Greg. Vitali’s office. We will continue to reach out to groups in the Township.

Next meeting – Will be an informal meeting/gathering. Our regular meeting falls on Memorial Day. Date to be announced

Minutes submitted by K. Grentzenberg

April Minutes – 2018 – Shade Tree

HAVERFORD SHADE TREE COMMISSION MINUTES

JULY, 23, 2018 MEETING

Present: Joe Celia, Joe Rastatter, Mark Pennington, Paul David, David Schneck, Kathy Grentzenberg, Doreen Saar, Brian Madsen, Robert E. Blue Developers

1. The meeting focused on the proposed development at 986 and 996 Railroad Ave., Haverford, PA. We discussed the trees and landscaping plans. Discussion included
 - Treatment of ash trees on property
 - Additional suggested trees to be included
 - Requirements for replacement of trees based on Township requirements
 - Additional tree (screening) for piece of property facing homes
 - Brian will work on suggested/required changes to the plan and re-submit to the Shade Tree Commission
 - There will be 2 rain gardens included on this property plan
2. All previous meeting minutes were approved.
3. Haverford Township received “Tree City USA” status from Arbor Day Foundation – Dave presented a short presentation to the July Commissioner’s meeting. This status represents our township’s commitment to retaining our canopy, replacement of trees lost to storms (over 400 this year), and representation of this commitment by the Shade Tree Commission being part of planning and development issues that come before the township.
4. Request for formal budget increase was submitted. We have asked the budget to increase from its current \$5,000 to \$10,000. We hope to double Tree Tender’s efforts in tree planting in the township. We hope to increase our numbers from 100 trees to 200 trees planted.

Submitted by : Kathy Grentzenberg 8/9/18

Haverford Township Shade Tree Commission

Meeting Minutes

9/24/18

Meeting took place at the Haverford Township Building, 1014 Darby Rd, Havertown, Pennsylvania. The Meeting was called to order by Chair David Schneck.

Commission Attendees: David Schneck, Paul Davit, Mark Pennington

Commission Members Absent: Joe Rastatter, Kathy Grentzenberg, Doreen Saar, Joseph Celia (Township Liaison)

Other Attendees: none

Follow Up Items:

1. Municipal Services Building
 - a. David will follow up with Larry Gentile regarding the oak trees at the Darby Road entrance with recommendations that will improve the trees chance of survival from the construction process.
2. Tree acquisition budget
 - a. At this time the Commission has not received notification regarding its request to increase the tree acquisition budget to \$10,000.
3. No plans were submitted for review.
 - a. The Commission is waiting for plans from Merion Golf Club and the BMMSA office on Railroad Avenue.

New Business:

1. Tree Tenders Homeowner Planting
 - a. The Commission discussed Jeanne Angell's announcement that she will no longer lead the Tree Tenders Spring planting of homeowner trees in the Township beginning in 2019. The Commission will follow up with Jeanne and discuss options at the October meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2018.

Respectfully submitted by Mark Pennington

Haverford Township Shade Tree Commission

Meeting Minutes

10/22/18

Meeting took place at the Haverford Township Building, 1014 Darby Rd, Havertown, Pennsylvania. The Meeting was called to order by Chair David Schneck.

Commission Attendees: David Schneck, Paul Davit, Mark Pennington, Joe Rastatter, Kathy Grentzenberg, Doreen Saar, Joseph Celia (Township Liaison)

Commission Members Absent:

Other Attendees: Robert Blue, Drew Peterson, Jeanne Angell, Commissioner Mario Oliva, Commissioner Gerry Hart

Plan Review:

Robert Blue, Consulting Engineer for the Bryn Mawr Medical Specialist development project at 986 and 996 E. Railroad Avenue presented a revised planting plan and Arborist report for the property. After discussion, the plan was approved with the following recommendations:

- a. Implement a maintenance and treatment plan for the existing 5 ash trees that will remain on the property.
- b. It was agreed that the replacement tree caliper required is 288 inches, (85 trees). However, it was noted that 69 trees were drawn on the plan. The difference between the 285 inches of caliper required and the caliper inches actually planted at the time of inspection will be donated to the township.
- c. In addition to the replacement trees, 11 street trees along road frontage and 4 trees in parking lot area are required.

Follow Up Items:

1. Tree Tenders Homeowner Planting
 - a. Discussed different options regarding Jeanne Angell 's announcement that she will no longer lead the Tree Tenders Spring planting of homeowner trees in the Township. Jeanne and Commissioner Oliva helped the Commission understand the history of the Tree Tenders program in the township and the pros and cons of different options for moving forward without Jeanne leading the Homeowner planting.

- b. After discussion, Jeanne agreed that she will lead a smaller Homeowner planting in the Spring of 2019. After that, the Tree Tenders program will focus on doing 2 public space plantings per year rather than one public space and one homeowner planting.
- c. The Commission agreed that it will pursue a plant giveaway program to Township homeowners to supplement the Tree Tenders public plantings. The goal will be to establish a smaller, inaugural give away in 2019 with the hope of expanding the giveaway in future years.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 26, 2018.

Respectfully submitted by Mark Pennington

Haverford Township Shade Tree Commission

Meeting Minutes

11/26/18

Meeting took place at 7:30 PM at the Haverford Township Building, 1014 Darby Rd, Havertown, Pennsylvania. The Meeting was called to order by Chair David Schneck.

Commission Attendees: David Schneck, Paul Davit, Mark Pennington, Joe Rastatter, Kathy Grentzenberg, Doreen Saar

Commission Members Absent: Joseph Celia (Township Liaison)

Other Attendees: Christopher Green, Gilmore & Associates, Inc.; Thomas Hanna, Gilmore & Associates, Inc.; Ryan Orr, kcba Architects

Plan Review:

Messrs. Green, Hanna and Orr presented land development plans for the proposed demolition and new construction of the Lynnewood Elementary School on Lawrence Road. After discussion, the Commission concluded that it needed more information and that the development team needed to update their plans to better reflect Township code. Specifically, the Commission recommended that the development team:

- a. Create an accurate, numbered list of the trees to be removed. The list should include the caliper, species and the reason for the removal.
- b. List any dead or diseased trees and note if they are included in the caliper calculations.
- c. Refer to the Township code for street trees, buffer trees and parking lot trees (recognizing that these trees are separate from the replacement trees) and incorporate those codes into the landscape plan.
- d. Prepare a plan that meets Township code as closely as possible.
- e. Resubmit the plans for Commission review.

Follow Up Items:

1. Tree Tenders
 - a. Mark Pennington will follow up with Commissioner Mario Oliva to facilitate a meeting with the Township Public Works department to discuss ways the department could facilitate future Tree Tenders plantings.

The next meeting is scheduled for

Respectfully submitted by Mark Pennington

Haverford Township Shade Tree Commission

Meeting Minutes

12/10/18

Meeting took place at 7:30 PM at the Haverford Township Building, 1014 Darby Rd, Havertown, Pennsylvania. The Meeting was called to order by Chair David Schneck.

Commission Attendees: David Schneck, Paul Davit, Mark Pennington, Joe Rastatter, Doreen Saar, Joseph Celia (Township Liaison)

Commission Members Absent: Kathy Grentzenberg

Other Attendees: Thomas Hanna, Gilmore & Associates, Inc.; Ryan Orr, kcba Architects

Plan Review:

Messrs. Hanna and Orr presented revised land development plans for the proposed demolition and new construction of the Lynnewood Elementary School on Lawrence Road.

After discussion, the Commission agreed to allow trees #1, #2 and #10, all trees in the storm water management zones, to be counted as 1:4 ratio caliper trees rather than as 1:1 ratio replacement trees. This lowered the caliper inches required for replacement trees to 400 inches. In addition, it was agreed that 16 parking lot trees and 20 buffer zone trees to be counted as replacement tree caliper, resulting in a proposed replacement tree caliper total of 280 inches. As a result, the plans were 120 caliper inches short of the code requirement.

The Commission recommended that the developer consider planting trees totaling 120 caliper inches in the adjacent Lynnewood park and/or donating trees to the township for planting in other public space to satisfy code requirements.

The developer agreed to explore the possibility of planting additional trees in Lynnewood Park. The developer also agreed to donate the remaining caliper inches after counting trees planted at Lynnewood Park to the township for planting in other public spaces.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2019 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Mark Pennington