



STC Meeting Notes | June 13, 2018

Participants

In attendance: Joe Ascenzi, Colin Watson, Kathryn Helmsley, John Kennedy, Roman Procyk, Carl Andresen, Donna Roehner, Ed Hayes, Andy Oles | Parks and Recreation Director, Commissioner John Spiegelman, Amy Montgomery | Director of Engineering and Code and Ordinance Project team: Denny Metz and Robert Wells

Not in attendance: Kathy Weir, Rita Stevens

Brief Shade Tree meeting from 7-7:30 pm

Calendar / Events

Next STC meeting-Wednesday, July 11, 2018, at Grove Park House

FINANCIAL

No report

ADVISORY

John K gave an update on May meeting task list.

- Visit Rockwell park for recommendation on planting shade trees there
 - Discussion regarding considering this park for the fall bare root tree planting project
- Visit Wanamaker Road site for recommendation on planting shade trees there
 - Colin and Joe will visit this site for recommendations

New items:

- The STC was copied on email communication from a township resident that was communicating their concern for the fate of a National Champion tree located on Edge Hill Road. It was determined that this is a Saw Oak and is located at 1028 Edge Hill Road next to the parking area of the SPCA building. It is understood that there may be negative impact to this tree due to the construction planned near the root zone.
 - STC recommendation is for the ISA tree protection best practices to be employed during this construction to minimize negative impact to this special tree.

PROJECTS

Planting Projects

Ardley Wildlife Sanctuary- A reminder that Think Green was selected to compete the project and there is no activity at this time. NO UPDATE AT JUNE MEETING

Crestmont Park- John will follow up with Tim to confirm that the remaining CSX trees have been planted at Crestmont Park as previously discussed. NO UPDATE AT JUNE MEETING

Fall Bare Root Trees- our plan is to plant approximately 30 trees in one location this fall. One possible location is Rockwell park. Other possible locations include: Manor College, the Ukrainian Center, St Hilary's RC Church, Hillside Cemetery or Willow Hill Community Baptist Church. Further discussion will take place at the July meeting with a decision needed soon.

Shade Tree Ordinance Discussion

Bob Wells and Denney Metz joined us for the Shade Tree Ordinance project kick-off and led a discussion to gain input on what is most important to include in the ordinance to protect shade trees in Abington Township.

Ordinance Discussion included all in attendance at the June meeting. Bob and Denney will utilize this input received, their previous experience writing ordinance for other municipalities and best practices available to draft an ordinance document for future review.

STC ADMINISTRATIVE

Tim Gilmour has resigned his position as Shade Tree Commissioner. Mr. Carl Andresen a township resident of Lenore Road Meadowbrook and a professional colleague of Joe Ascenzi has submitted his resume and desire to be a commissioner to complete Tim's term.

STC GRANT STRATEGY

no update