



## STC Meeting Notes | *Wednesday, January 9, 2019*

### Participants:

In attendance: Rita Stevens, Joe Ascenzi, Carl Andresen, Colin Watson, Kathy Hemsley, Marc, Ed Hayes, John Kennedy, Abington Township: Andy Oles

### CALENDAR

- Next STC meeting, Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 7:30 pm

### FINANCIAL

1. No update on balances
  - a. all December 2018 spend of equipment completed
  - b. Rita introduced various brochures that have been sourced to meet need for Ordinance requirement. This is the foundation of the outreach for the ordinance communication.
  - c. Rita introduced two new STC documents related to the ordinance: 1) Street trees and care and 2) trees and construction

### ADVISORY

1. Land development application for new Medical Office at 1137-51 Old York Road
  - a. zoning hearing board open cases includes this project and has received STC feedback.
2. Street Tree master plan for TC street trees- frame what's needed to develop a recommendation; Supporting tool- PHS Urban Tree Cloud for tree inventory <https://pg-cloud.com/phs/>
  - a. Rita demonstrated the PHS Urban Forest Cloud. Supporting township crews in their maintenance of the many trees. Referring back to 2014 Street tree inventory it was indicated that this original list of trees could be utilized to begin a test run of this software effort. Rita and John to follow up.
3. New Items:
  - a. Zoning variance request by Faulkner Nissan to impact steep slope condition. Resident adjacent to this property has contacted the STC requesting assistance from in addressing his concern with the impact to his property.

- i. Feedback recorded and will be passed on.
- b. Sussman dealership impact to streetscape on easton Road. In process is the development of this area.
  - i. STC would like to address this process to influence the street tree and green buffer needs of this area.

## PROJECTS

1. Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary- C2P2 project - Update- clearing to commence in January/February; target project with Inframark volunteers spring 2019  

Update: plans for late winter/early spring for Think Greene to get back there and begin their work. It was noted that this grant project has a deadline approaching. 12/31/2020.
2. Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary- EHT reconstruction project- discuss approach to deer protection  

Update: reviewed deer protection as specified on plans. Trees have been provided protection. Shrub layer selection reviewed and chosen for deer resistance and will not need protection. .
3. Landscape ordinance- Grant closeout and next steps; Public awareness- info to be sent with permit application package; ISA brochures  

Update: Preparing to closeout this grant having completed the ordinance draft. Rita working with Andy on this.
4. New request- tree-planting program for native shade trees on the campus of Abington Junior High School, in partnership with the Science Department  

Rita working with Tim Keller, Science Department Chair who requested assistance from the STC to review grounds of AJHS tree needs - replacement of trees lost and additional trees needed. Request made for 2-3 STC to walk these grounds with him and school staff to review needs and discuss ideas. Rita to reply and look for some convenient dates to do walk this winter and will work to coordinate.
5. Lay out priorities/ major projects for full year 2019; use following list of active projects to support discussion  

Update: The STC reviewed provided list and discussed priorities. All were asked to give further thought and bring to next meeting

## **STC ADMINISTRATIVE**

1. 2018 Tree City USA application-complete and submitted

## **GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

1. Tree Vitalize Watersheds application for 2019- awaiting funder response (March 2019)

Update: application received and there are a few follow up issues related to the land use agreement with SPS and the Township. Working to resolve soon.

## **NEW ITEMS**

1. Online Tree Tender Training Thursdays Jan 24-March 7, 2019, noon or 7 pm