



# February Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, February 13, 2019 Grove Park House, Easton Road | 7:30 to 9:00 pm

**WELCOME AND REVIEW AGENDA** (key discussion items in bold)

## FINANCIAL

1. Update- balances
2. Pending reimbursement- \$12,000 Tree Vitalize Forestry Management Grant TV2018/CFM-05 tP
3. Pending grant- TV Watershed 2019- \$3244 grant with \$4766 match for project total of \$8010
4. **New:** Pending memorial donation- memorial bench plus \$1000 budget for plantings at Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary
5. **New:** Potential for funds to support tree giveaway at Abington Manor (similar to CSX 2017 event)

## ADVISORY

1. **New:** Review and comment on Land Development Application LD-19-01: Proposed existing building revisions and parking lot at the Southeast Corner of Highland and Kenmore Ave
2. **Ongoing:** Street Tree master plan for TC street trees- continue to frame what's needed to develop a recommendation; Supporting tool- PHS Urban Tree Cloud for tree inventory <https://pg-cloud.com/phs/>; immediate recommendations for corner of Keswick and Mt Carmel , and for Keswick Village holiday tree
3. Land Development Application for new Medical Office at 1137-51 Old York Road - watch

## PROJECTS

1. Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary- C2P2 project - Update- **new proposed start** of April 2019; **new item:** Discuss proposed memorial project
2. Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary- EHT reconstruction project- Update- field visit and project schedule

3. Memorial Island- Update
4. ASD request- tree-planting program for native shade trees on the campus of Abington Junior High School, in partnership with the Science Department- Update
5. Landscape ordinance- Update- Grant closeout and next steps
6. **New item:** Arbor Day- rough out plans and procurement for April 27, 2019
7. **New item:** Abington Manor tree giveaway- fall 2019?
8. **Priorities/ major projects** for full year 2019- Refine list

### STC ADMINISTRATIVE

1. 2019 annual report- Update- draft for review in March

### GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

1. Tree Vitalize Watersheds application for 2019- awaiting funder response (March 2019)- **discuss reduced budget** for invasive clearing and planting stock

### REFERENCE: STC ACTIVE PROGRAMS

- **Inventories**
  - Street tree inventory- need to update and recommend master plan
  - Public space ash tree survey- underway
  - Park survey to prioritize future plantings- underway
  - Grove Park trees- to be inventoried and tagged winter 2018-2019
- **Ordinance and Best Practices**
  - 2018 TreeVitalize Community Forestry Management Grant project- underway- coordinate with SALDO rewrite
  - Township request for a TC tree maintenance plan- begin to work in detail in January 2019
  - Open space plan- coordinate with larger Township initiative
- **Ardasley Wildlife Sanctuary**

- C2P2 project Bid process completed, contractor selected and work pending; offer by Inframark for a spring service project- need to follow up
- Edgehill Tyson project / AWS overlay- STF and staff field visits 11/28,30/2018 to align on tree plan and protection; clearing work and construction of drainage feature underway; planting scheduled for spring 2019
- **Tree Planting and Care- Priority Sites and Initiatives**
  - Abington- Monitored trees planted Memorial Island spring 2017- 2 dead; replaced and added 5 trees November 2017; OYR large canopy trees- needs to be contracted - safety considerations
  - Ardsley Cemetery- sugar maple tree scape installed December 2018
  - Ardsley Community Center- monitor trees planted 2016-2017- replace 2 dead
  - Crestmont Park- monitor trees planted 2015-2016- all doing well- add CSX trees spring 2018?
  - Deal Park- planted spring 2018 ; monitor
  - Edge Hill Woods-monitor test trees planted fall 2017 with deer fencing land near Edgecomb entrance
  - Grove Park- Riparian restoration and Tree planting- spring and fall 2017; Tree survey and labeling- winter 2018-2019
  - Hallowell Park- monitor bare root and container planted fall 2017; apply for 2019 TV Watershed grant to plant in the area near volleyball court
  - North Hills Park- added 3 trees fall 2018- site for 2019 Arbor Day?
  - Parkdale Avenue- need to limb up trees planted through PECO grant- fall 2018
  - Penbryn Park- monitor trees planted fall 2016- doing well
  - Rockwell Park- planted fall 2018- monitor
  - Roslyn public and private spaces- TD Green Streets planted 2017; monitor
  - Roychester Park- succession planting Nov 2017; monitor
  - St. Ann's Church- planted fall 2018
  - Wanamaker Road- desirable planting space; no active project

- **Outreach and PR**

- Volunteers
  - i. Tree Tenders/ Friends of Parks- how to grow and support?
  - ii. Student volunteers- bat houses and interpretive features at AWS; AJH tree planting project
  - iii. Corporate volunteers- TD Bank, Inframark
- Township communications
  - i. Township newsletter and calendar -update each year
  - ii. Township website
  - iii. New residents' package - follow to assess impact
  - iv. Township permit package
- STC social media (we own abingtontrees.com URL)
  - i. Email, Facebook page
  - ii. Blog at [www.abingtontrees.com](http://www.abingtontrees.com)
- Logo- lawn signs, T shirts, labels for brochures?
- Private Trees
  - i. Tree Giveaway 2017 CSX grant- highly successful; repeat in 2019?
  - ii. Push for tree preservation and protection

## CALENDAR

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

### January- March:

- Annual plan and priorities
- Town Center Street Tree recommendations
- Ordinance grant project closeout and public outreach
- Grove tree inventory and tagging
- Grant strategy

### April-June

- Annual report to the Board of Commissioners
- Arbor Day (4/27/19 at North Hills Park)
- AWS C2P2 planting and project completion
- AWS EHT planting
- Kick-off Hallowell Watershed project
- Ordinance ongoing

### July-September:

- Detail fall planting plans
- Continue Hallowell TV Watershed project
- Ordinance ongoing

### October-December:

- Biannual tree giveaway? - Abington Manor?
- Bare root tree planting- where?
- Complete Hallowell TV Watershed project
- Ordinance ongoing
- Tree City USA submission