



STC Meeting Notes

*June 14, 2017
7:30 PM Grove Park*

Participants:

Abington Township Commissioner Ben Sanchez, Kathy Weir, John Kennedy, Kathy Hemsley, Rita Stevens, Tim Gilmour, Joe Ascenzi,

Guests: Roman and Lydia Procyk, Chris Miller

UPCOMING EVENTS /DATES

- Roslyn Farmers' Market- kickoff (subject to vendor availability)- lead is Amy Martin
- Next STC meeting- Wednesday, July 12
- Woody Plant Conference- Swarthmore- Friday, July 21

OPENING, NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, FINANCIAL

Rita opened the meeting welcoming our guests and and reviewed the agenda for the evening.

1. Status of funds
2. Update on grants- TD, C2P2, Montco
3. New donations- DJW Memorial
4. Budget for 2018-2020- Rita suggested establishing a budget sub committee to look at needs and make recommendations. Joe and Kathy volunteered to handle this.

UPDATE ON ADVISORY MATTERS

1. Updates

- a. USACE Design at Grove and Roychester Parks- Rita reviewed with all the design that she had just received. There will be a formal comment period and formal presentation after Labor Day.
- b. Edgehill Tyson Reconstruction- No Update
- c. Brandolini property on the Fairway- It was reported that the development request for this land was denied
- d. Continued Tree inventory effort- We were not able to secure a summer intern for this year.

2. New requests

- a. Township parking lot- plan for new trees- Joe gave an update on an effort to improve the parking situation at the township building. Plans are expected to include additional trees.
- b. 1247 Old Ford Road- proposed landscape plan- M/M Procyk residents of Abington gave an update on an on-going effort to resolve the excessive removal of trees on their property at this address. This 3rd and most recent version remains unsatisfactory. Rita will be following up with written communication.
- c. Hallowell Park- input on riparian restoration - The STC was happy to learn that the TTF Watershed Partnership will be involved in this project
- d. Edge Hill Woods- The STC is excited to support a new 'friends group' being formed in conjunction with these designated woods.
- e. Jenkintown Manor- succession planting- large trees Resident of this neighborhood, Chris Miller spoke about the loss of large shade trees and how this has dramatically impacted the tree canopy in his neighborhood. He reports that these trees were quite old and likely originally planted when these homes were built. He went on to say that most homeowners replace lost trees with small ornamental trees only. It was mentioned by others at the meeting that this is a scenario repeated in many areas of the township. Mr. Miller was looking for guidance and support from the STC in his

effort to spearhead the replacement of these shade trees. There were many ideas brought forth on how this could be done as well as funded.

STC PROGRAMS - UPDATES

1. A few updates were offered :
 - a. Tim gave an update on the ongoing maintenance and watering of tree plantings at Grove Park, Memorial Park
 - b. Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary - C2P2 Initial Submission- target by end of June
 - c. Grove Park has been offered as a site for an effort to have a farmers market - no details yet