



## STC Meeting Notes

*November 8, 2017*

### Participants

Kathy Weir, John Kennedy, Kathy Helmsley, Rita Stevens, Donna Rohner, Joe Ascenzi, Anna Nicolaides

### Calendar / Events

Edgehill Woods tree planting projects- Saturday, November 11, 1 pm

Hallowell Eagle Project- Saturday, November 11 9 am

Tree Vitalize BareRoot Tree delivery- November 15-16

Hallowell Park tree planting NOVEMBER 18, 9 am to NOON

Royersford Park tree planting NOVEMBER 18, 9am to NOON

UPDATE - Next STC meeting- Wednesday, December 20 at 7 pm

Tree City USA application- December 31- online application open

### FINANCIAL

Kathy distributed the October financial snapshot and noted some dollars left from the CSX grant. These dollars will be spent by the end of this year. Tree protection and other materials will be inventoried and ordered. Tim to do this.

The annual budget process for the township operating budget proposed and supported by Rita at the recent township budget meeting.

### ADVISORY

Update : Abington Township Administration Building- parking lot and gazebo area -  
Joe reported that he has worked with the township & planted 4 trees in the parking lot.

Edgehill Tyson Reconstruction-

Information meeting planned - Rita informed all that Commissioner Zappone reported that there is a public meeting to update the public on the Edgehill Tyson project on Nov 14th. Rita and Tim likely to attend.

Spotted Lanternfly alert- recommendations

Rita reported that there have been increased inquiries regarding spotted lantern fly. Rita added information on the STC website. It was noted that Ailanthus is a preferred host. Some discussion around looking at the potential of this invasive tree and controlling it.

## PROJECTS

CSX Tree Giveaway - recap

Rita brought our attention to the report drafted as required to closeout the CSX tree giveaway project. The report highlights the tremendous success achieved as well as various learning points, inventory and expense details. Over 190 trees were distributed and planted in the township. 23 different native species were included. Still to complete are the impact stories - We will contact several recipients to interview for their impression on how this tree planting process was experienced by them.

Of particular note: the STC has been able to connect with 5 different neighborhood groups this fall: Friends of Parks for: Edgehill Woods - Hallowell - Jackson - Memorial- Roychester

Tree Vitalize Bare Root Trees

Rita and Kathy W will focus on Hallowell Park- NOVEMBER 18, 9 am to NOON at Hallowell Park- Andrea Soo coordinating volunteers; need 2-3 from STC to demo and assist

John and Kathy H Royersford Park- NOVEMBER 18, 9am to NOON at Hallowell Park- John Capps coordinating volunteers; need STC members on site to demo and assist

Ash Tree Survey

No Update on the Ash Tree survey

Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary C2P2

Ardsley bid package available on the STC google drive. Rita reviewed the bidding schedule timeline and schedule. The goal is to have the process conclude with a vote by Jan 11, 2018.

## Tree City USA

Rita reviewed the tree city app draft info and discussed the requirements for the growth award from tree city. About the same time we begin preparing for the creation of the April 2018 annual report. Rita asked the group to come with ideas for priorities for 2018 to the December meeting. There was a discussion re: various ideas for how to have the most impact with the STC outreach- it was noted that our greatest impact happens when partnering with churches, private schools and other entities with large green spaces. Also noted to be sure to partner with our commissioners and utilizing social media to support our messages. More specifics discussed at the December meeting.

## STC ADMINISTRATIVE

Rita's term is up in 2017 and will be re-upping for an additional term. Rita reviewed New Township Staff roles that were recently announced.