



STC Meeting Notes | July 11, 2018

Participants

In attendance: Joe Ascenzi, Kathy Weir, John Kennedy, Roman Procyk, Carl Andresen, Ed Hayes, Andy Oles | Parks and Recreation Director

Not in attendance: Rita Stevens, Colin Watson

Calendar / Events

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

FINANCIAL

Kathy shared a report dated June 2018 on STC finances including balances for C2P2 grant.

ADVISORY

- June meeting minutes | update on action items
 - Wanamaker Road recommendation- Joe reported that he, Colin and Andy visited the Wanamaker road site to assess and determine a plan for fulfilling a donation to plant trees there. This could be a volunteer project to include the neighborhood. Suggest reaching out to the ward leader there for a connection.
- 1028 Edge Hill Road champion tree Saw Oak - next to SPCA
 - STC recommendation is for the ISA tree protection best practices to be employed during this construction to minimize negative impact to this special tree.
- 'Peter V. Smith' memorial tree donation received - need a location for two oak trees
 - Kathy W will follow up with the Smith Family to work out details of their memorial tree planting
- Grove Run and Roychester park - USACE- Design and planning walk through scheduled for July 19th
 - STC representation requested -but unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts. Andy Oles will be participating on this meeting and will report at a future STC meeting

New items:

- Reports of spotted lantern fly in the Wissahickon Park area forwarded via email to the STC in an effort to let surrounding communities be aware of this pest on the move into our area. It is know that spotted lantern fly prefer to feed and mate on *Ailanthus altissima* or tree of heaven which is an invasive. One recommendation is to remove *Ailanthus* when possible.
- Ed H reported that the columnar trees project planted near the Keswick Theatre parking lot may need attention. One of us will stop there ASAP to observe their condition.

PROJECTS

Planting Projects

Ardasley Wildlife Sanctuary- Think Green is the contractor for this project. John will follow up with the Think Green team to confirm they are on rack to complete the project this fall.

Fall Bare Root Trees- Utilizing the Tree Vitalize bare root tree program our plan is to plant approximately 30 trees in one location this fall. Following locations under consideration:

- Rockwell park - This park is in need of shade trees and it is thought could take between 8-10 trees
- Willow Hill Baptist Church is interested in a shade tree project at their property
- Jenkintown Manor - Chris Miller from the Jenkintown Manor neighborhood reached out to the STC informing us they are interested in future tree planting opportunities

2018 Arbor Day Project at Deal Park - John reported trees are doing OK. He recently watered, added gator bags and pruned dead the wood.

Shade Tree Ordinance Discussion- Follow up to June kick-off meeting for the ordinance. Need to get questions from the ordinance project team of Bob Wells and Denny Metz to the township solicitor.

STC ADMINISTRATIVE

Carl Andresen will be nominated by the STC and submitted for approval to fill the remainder of Tim Gilmour's term. John will prepare an email communication along with Carl's resume and send to Andy to be submitted to township management.

STC GRANT STRATEGY

no update