

## **1/25/16 Haverford Township Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes**

In attendance: Joe Rastatter, Paul Davit, David Schneck, Paul Orner, Joe Celia

New officers were nominated and approved

Chair: Joe Rastatter

Vice Chair: Paul Davit

Secretary: David Schneck

The November Meeting minutes were submitted and approved.

### **1224 Steel Road**

A representative from Sposato Homes presented plans the subdivision plan. Latest plan calls for removal of all Sycamore trees along Steel Road as well as the Large Mulberry Tree in the side yard.

After discussion it was decided that the developer should:

- plant 5 trees along Steel Road: 3 Crimson King Maples and 2 October Glory Maples
- plant 3 White Oaks, one in the rear of each lot, 20 feet from the rear property line
- plant 6 Leyland Cypress, evenly spaced, along the back boundary of the open space area

### **2517 & 2525 Bryn Mawr Avenue**

Rayer Builders did not come to the meeting to present plans. A neighbor, Teresa Albers, 2526 Olcott Avenue, whose property abuts the 4<sup>th</sup> undeveloped lot of the was present at the meeting to present her concerns about the impacts of construction on the Norway Spruces along the rear of parcel and the health of one of them. It was explained to her that the developer will provide a tree protection fence and maintain a tree protection zone based on submitted plans. She was satisfied with this measure.

After discussion, it was decided that the developer should:

- provide an arborist assessment of the health of the 5 trees along the rear boundary of 4 lots
- attend the next meeting and present the arborist assessment along with development plans

### **109-115 W. Eagle Rd.**

After reviewing and discussing plans, there remain many questions about the plans submitted. There does not appear to sufficient replacement planting to make up for trees being removed, pin oaks are not desired species for Eagle Rd frontage trees, and Norway Spruces proposed as a buffer planting are questionable as replacement trees. The potential for rain gardens in parking lot green areas to provide storm water management value in lieu of trees was discussed, as was a buffer planting along boundary with Iacobucci building. It was decided that the developer should come to the next commission meeting to present plans.

## **Haverford Township Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes**

2/22/16

In attendance: Joe Rastatter, Paul Orner, Paul Davit, David Schneck, Joe Celia

January meeting minutes were approved

### **109 and 115 W. Eagle Rd**

Brian Madson represented Momenee & Associates and presented plans for 109 and 115 W. Eagle Rd.

He agreed that the existing Magnolia near Eagle Rd is not accurately sized on the plan. To make things easy, it was suggested that we go with 20 inches for each of the three existing trees in near Eagle Rd that will be removed. Brian agreed to this.

It was also agreed that the developer would plant 2 red oaks and 2 white oaks along Eagle Rd instead of the 4 pin oaks that are shown in the plans. Instead of 2.5 inch, these trees will be 3.5 inch caliper.

The buffer planting along the rear of the property will be altered to replace the Norway Spruce at each corner with an October Glory.

Since there isn't space for much for much additional tree planting on the site, in order to meet the required number of inches of replacement trees, the developer will provide an additional 25 inches of tree caliper to the township for planting in local parks.

Joe Celia advised Brian that he did not need to come back to the next Shade Tree Meeting, but could submit revised plans showing the changes discussed.

## **Haverford Township Shade Tree Commission Meeting**

Date: April 25, 2016

Attendees: Joe Rastatter (Chair), Paul Davit, Paul Orner, David Schneck, Richard Dougherty (Township Representative)

### **Agenda:**

#### **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

Meeting minutes for February and March were unanimously approved.

#### **Haverford Township Municipal Services Building:**

Township representatives presented a revised and updated landscaping plan for the Municipal Services Building. There was a discussion regarding the interpretation of the Township Ordinance designating the Tree Protection Zone and whether removed trees in that zone should be counted in the overall tree replacement plan. Joe Rastatter was to contact Lori Hanlon-Widdop, Assistant Township Manager, to get ruling on the Ordinance. That discussion confirmed the submitted plan conforms to the ordinance and the plan was approved.

## **Haverford Township Shade Tree Commission Meeting**

Date: July 25, 2016

Attendees: Joe Rastatter (Chair), Paul Davit, Paul Orner, Doreen Saar, Joe Celia

### **Agenda:**

#### **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

Meeting minutes for June were unanimously approved (no meeting was held in May).

#### **Property at 1235 Steel Road**

Property owner and builder Vince Falcone presented plan to demolish single family house on premises, split lot into 2 and erect single family homes on each lot. The Commissioners discussed the type and placement of the proposed trees and recommended changes:

- Replace 2 Yellowwoods on street with Eastern Redbuds
- Eliminate 1 Eastern Redbud on side yard and plant 1 White Oak in back yard of each lot

Owner agreed and will send new specs to Joe Celia.

#### **General Discussion/Resident Q&A**

- E. Hamilton raised a question about trees being cut down on Llanarch Golf Course (some had been damaged after a storm) and how that was approved. The Commissioners responded that since the trees are on private property, were not part of new construction, nor considered street shade trees, the Commission had no jurisdiction.
- E. Hamilton asked whether the township collects fees for tree removal and new planting. Joe Celia responded that although the township does not collect fees from residents, it does apply for federal and state grants for tree planting and maintenance; he also mentioned the local Tree Tenders program. A discussion ensued regarding citizen advocacy/involvement in updating or creating new shade tree ordinances and how they would be presented to the Board of Commissioners.
- A resident (name?) commented that trees along Township Line Road had been cut down and replaced with Arborvitae. The Commission was unaware of this and Joe Celia stated he would look into it.
- The Commissioners discussed ways to improve communications with township residents including use of email and the Quarterly Township Newsletter.
- Joe Celia stated that the Tree City USA applications had been submitted to the state for 2015 and 2016.
- The Commissioners agreed to continue with the Tree Board University online courses.

## **Haverford Shade Tree Commission Meeting**

9/26/16

### Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Joe Rastatter, Paul Davit, David Schneck (board secretary), Paul Orner, Doreen Saar, Joe Celia

#### **1234 Dill Road**

Owner/developer, Ed Gallagher presented plans for subdivision and construction on his property at Dill Road. Discussion focused on the number of inches of replacement trees he should be required to plant, given that he claimed that one multi-stemmed tree was measured incorrectly at 30 inches by his engineer and should not require inch for inch replacement. (Through Google Street view, the commission could see that it did appear to be a multi-stemmed tree.) After much discussion and back and forth, the commission and Mr. Gallagher agreed on 18 inches of total replacement trees that he would plant.

Trees suggested were Crimson Red Maple, October Glory, and Swamp White Oaks.

Dave Fiorilo then presented plans for landscaping upgrade at the Burger King on West Chester Pike. New trees and shrubs are being planted and more area will be greened under the new plan. No trees are being removed, so no replacement is required under the ordinance. Commission members expressed their pleasure with the new plan and thanked Mr. Fiorilo for bringing it before the Commission.

July meeting minutes were approved.

## **Haverford Shade Tree Commission Meeting**

11/28/16

### Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Joe Rastatter, Paul Davit, David Schneck (board secretary), Joe Celia

No plans were presented. Members discussed things in general, including recent Tree Tenders planting, Municipal Building construction progress, rain garden installations in the township, and potential difficulties of planting street trees within the strip between sidewalk and street. We also discussed activities of the Delaware Valley Storm Water Collaborative.

The December meeting is cancelled because of the Holiday. Our next meeting will be in January.