



## Shade Tree Commission

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## Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Date: Monday, July 24, 2023

Location: 1014 Darby Rd, Havertown, Pa., 19083 – Room B

Time: 7:30 P.M.

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# Agenda

## HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP

### Shade Tree Commission

**Monday, July 24, 2023 @ 7:30 pm**

**Location:** Township Building, Room 201B  
1014 Darby Road, Havertown PA 19083

**Agenda Items:**

1. Commission Work Session
  - Approval of Minutes from June 26
2. Public Comments
3. Plan/Permit Reviews:
  - Burger King, Darby Rd & Park Rd
  - 174 Golf House Road
4. Fall Tree Lottery Discussion
5. 2023 Goals Discussion
6. New Business (if any)

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**2023 Meeting Calendar: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of Month @ 7:30pm**

~~January 23~~

~~February 27~~

~~March 27~~

~~April 24~~

~~May 22~~

~~June 26~~

July 24

August 28

September 25: No meeting, Jewish Holiday

October 23

November 27

December 25: No meeting, Christmas Holiday



# Minutes HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP Shade Tree Commission



## Minutes for Monday, July 24, 2023

Meeting took place in Room 201B, Township Building,  
1014 Darby Road, Haverford PA 19083.

Paul Davit called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Commission Members Attending: Paul Davit, Jim Stephens, Doreen Alvarez Saar, Marie Occhiogrosso, Felicia Hurewitz, Pano Kalogeropoulos and Joe Celia, Township Code Enforcement

Absent: Andrew Mink

Visiting: Alexis DeSanti, new Special Projects Coordinator for the Twp.

1. Public comment: None
2. Minutes from the June 26, 2023 meeting were approved.
3. Property Plan Reviews.
  - a. Burger King Restaurant - BK586, 233 West Chester Pike, Havertown PA 19083. DC Folio No. 22-02-00863-00. Regional Manager Sharif Burnette present. Completion of the review process from June 26, 2023.
    - i. History: Development of property involving demolition of old structure and building new structure was approved by TWP in 2016. The fence along Park Road was old and along with 26 trees was removed on June 5, 2023. This was not approved by the TWP. Letter Notice of Violation was sent to BK586 on June 13, 2023, indicating the STC would make recommendations on replacement trees.
    - ii. 307" DBH trees were removed. Replacement calculation (1" to 4" rule) indicates 76" DBH would need to be replaced. This would be fulfilled by 38 - 2" saplings. Total replacement cost would be \$9500 as assessed.
    - iii. Burger King will plant 15 shade trees and 15 shrubs in late September to October 2023 and has agreed to engage with the community and maintain the plantings.
      1. Shade trees will be 5 each of: *Platanus occidentalis* 'American Sycamore'; *Tilia americana* 'American Linden'; *Picea pungens* 'Blue Spruce', planted outside the fence.
      2. Shrubs will include 5 each of: evergreen azaleas, e.g. *Rhododendron* x 'Encore Autumn Amethyst'; *Hydrangea aborescens* 'Annabelle'; *Calycanthus* x *raulstoni* 'Hartledge Wine', planted outside the fence and between the shade trees.
      3. Some additional shrubs and flowers will be planted, as space is available inside the fence.
      4. Species subject to change based on availability, and with prior approval.
    - iv. The Shade Tree Commission agreed to waive the remaining replacement value.

- v. Motion made and seconded to recommend approval of the plantings as detailed in paragraph a.(iii) above. Motion passed unanimously.
  - b. 174 Golf House Road, Haverford, PA 19041. Plans presented by Jonathan Alderson.
    - i. The project involves realigning the driveway to wrap around the front to an exit on Andover Rd. Several buildings off the main house will be renovated.
    - ii. 2 dying Ash trees will be removed.
    - iii. 4 living shade trees will be removed, which total 78" DBH. These will be replaced by adding 10, 2" caliper trees on the property. White oak, Sycamore, Black Gum, Red Maple included as replacements.
    - iv. A 40" DBH Heritage Red Maple along the driveway will be preserved.
    - v. Motion made and seconded to recommend approval of the plan as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Discussion of the EAC container tree giveaway that was brought to the STC by Felicia last week. This is part of the Keystone 10 Million Trees partnership.
    - a. Not enough time to engage with this as a decision needed to be made last week. The idea was tabled with possibility of engagement next spring.
    - b. Several ideas were floated regarding our participation, different from EAC process.
      - i. Potential for providing trees and shrubs for businesses
      - ii. Engagement of senior citizens possibly through the Senior Citizen Advisory Board
      - iii. Possible collaboration with the Storm Water Collaborative
      - iv. Engagement with High School Environmental club and Boy/Girl Scouts to deliver and plant
      - v. STC would function as a hub for distribution
  5. Jim and Paul have done a tree survey of 3 Township Parks with Brian Barrett, Parks & Rec, Dir.: Veterans Park, Grasslyn Park and Paddock Park. There are more parks to survey. Brian wants to schedule some survey work every other Wednesday afternoon as possible. Pano has expressed interest in assisting with this effort.
  6. Pano reported he has written a draft of an announcement of the Fall Tree Lottery for the Fall TWP Newsletter. Several edits were suggested. Doreen will help write finished copy. Pano was not able to get pictures for this issue. More efforts will be made in the future to get good pictures of recipients with their planted trees at their homes. Marie volunteered to help with publicity.
  7. Fall tree lottery on October 28, 2023 was discussed. Felicia is organizing this event. 120 trees need to be tagged at The Tree Authority in Perkasie. Paul and Jim agreed to do the tagging on the morning of Wed. August 2. Paul will call Hassan to make any needed arrangements. We agreed to pick a date at our August meeting for a September meeting to attend to details of the Tree Lottery if needed.
  8. Continuing discussion of Heritage Tree plaques. Plaques should be engraved metal. Possible engraving to include: 'Haverford Twp Heritage Tree', tree type/species, approximate age/born on date.
  9. Goals for 2023: Continuing summary notes
    - a. Organize 2 resident Tree Lotteries in Spring and Fall to distribute 100-120 trees at each.
    - b. Work with community organizations to increase tree planting in public spaces.

- c. Draft and submit to the Board the annual Arbor Day proclamation.
  - i. Completed
- d. Submit a completed application that results in our recognition as a Tree City USA for 2023.
  - i. Online application opens in Sept.
  - ii. Paul will do.
- e. Continued participation on the PROS Plan Steering Committee through submission of its final report.
- f. Review residential/commercial/ public properties under development/ renovation as submitted by Code Enforcement, for adherence to the Tree Ordinance:
  - i. 774 Lawson - Jan; 315 Farwood - Feb; 2802 St Mary's Rd - Feb; Twp Library - May 2023; Burger King citation - June 2023; 174 Golf House Road - July 2023
- g. Update the list of recommended trees on the Township website, for use by residents and developers.
  - i. Submitted - waiting posting on the website
- h. Work to establish an inventory of public trees in the township to identify how many trees are being removed, replaced and added. Also consider the possibility of geo-mapping the township tree canopy. Discuss with Andrew and Peter Hickman.
  - i. Andrew agreed to do geo-mapping of TWP canopy in May.
- i. Work to improve communication and understanding of STC work and the importance of trees to the community at large.
  - i. Establish STC tables for HT Day, Heritage Day, Earth Day celebrations where we can give away tree literature and talk about the mission of the STC.
  - ii. Talk about establishing a school Arbor Day program. Get guidance from Arbor Day and who would present in schools.
- j. Discuss the possibility of giving out plaques for Heritage trees, which might be identified by people sending requests with pictures.
  - i. Plaques should be attractive brass or plastic
- k. Continue to promote the idea of a Township arborist who could provide unbiased assessment of tree health. It was suggested that language requiring this could be put into the Ordinance.
- l. Pursue discussion with Township engineer on the topic of stormwater management and the consideration given when talking about tree removal.
- m. Review the Tree Code for language that is difficult or confusing and propose deletion, alterations and additions.
- n. Follow up on site plans: Joe Celia will follow up on the Lawrence Road project. Many of the small Arborvitae planted have died and need to be replaced. From June 26, 2023

The meeting ended at 8:40 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday August 28, 2023 at 7:30p.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jim Stephens*, secretary