



## Shade Tree Commission

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## Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday, August 28, 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, August 28, 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 July 24
2. Public Comments
3. Plan/Permit Reviews:
  - Burger King – tree/shrub selection
4. Fall Tree Lottery Planning
5. Heritage Tree Recognition Process
  - Polo Field Bus Pull-off discussion
6. 2024 Budget (due Friday, September 8)
7. 2023 Goals Discussion
8. 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, August 28, 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, Marie Occhiogrosso, Felicia Hurewitz, Andrew Mink (present on speaker phone) and Joe Celia, Township Code Enforcement

Absent: Doreen Alvarez Saar, Pano Kalogeropoulos

Visiting: Lynn Elliot, concerned person from Polo Field neighbors

1. Public comment: None
2. Minutes from the July 24, 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.
    - i. Regional Manager Sharif Burnette submitted a slightly different set of plantings than the STC had recommended based on what was available through his contractor. This included:
      - (5) - Azalea x 'Perfecto Mundo Double Purple' 3g,
      - (5) - Clethra alnifolia 3 gal. 18-24",
      - (5) - Hydrangea paniculata 'Bobo' 3 gal. 15-18",
      - (5) - Picea pungens 'Baby Blue Eyes' 5-6' B&B,
      - (5) - Platanus x acerifolia 'Exclamation!' 3-3.5",
      - (5) - Tilia cordata 'Greenspire' 3" C B&B
    - ii. This request was reviewed and accepted without revision.
4. Lynn Elliot brought forward a concern from the Polo Field neighbors about a proposed project on Railroad Ave next to the Polo Field.
  - a. The project under discussion with the Board of Commissioners is a request from Lower Merion Township to build a bus cutout on Railroad Ave for transport of Lower Merion students and teams that would use the field.
  - b. Lynn presented the neighbors' understanding of the project based on communications with the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Commissioner. They are concerned about the potential removal of 3 heritage trees that are in good health and the subsequent environmental impacts on the neighborhood. The STC has not seen any plans and no decision to develop would go forward without prior STC review and approval by the Board of Commissioners.
  - c. Concerns and questions presented include:

- i. Why can't LM TWP use the existing parking area and access road for their buses?
    - ii. Will LM TWP expand use of the field beyond what is currently stated?
    - iii. The usage rights and control of the field do not seem to be legally clear. Can this be clarified? Can a legal plan be developed to prevent this project from moving forward?
  - d. The nursing home adjacent to the project being planned has not expressed a clear interest in what should be done.
  - e. STC recommended that concerned neighbors continue to petition the Board of Commissioners; seek further legal advice on courses of action available; and suggested that STC members could contact their Commissioners to share our concerns and gather more information.
5. Paul shared an email from Commissioner Hart about upcoming projects. The plan was for Dave Burman to come to the meeting to discuss these projects.
  - a. The Pennsy Trail extension, which calls for the removal of approximately 40 trees. These would be replaced according to the tree replacement formula.
  - b. Glendale Road/Raymond Drive, which involves modification of the stormwater basin.
  - c. Dave Burman was unable to attend the meeting. We had hoped to discuss the Railroad Ave project with him as well.
6. Paul reported meeting with Brian Barrett, Parks & Rec, Dir. to survey the Grange Field and Chatham Glen parks. There are still more parks to survey but the largest ones have been done. Brian wants to continue to schedule park surveys every other Wednesday afternoon as possible.
7. The Fall Tree Lottery scheduled for October 28, 2023 was discussed. Felicia is organizing this event. 120 trees have been tagged at The Tree Authority in Perkasio by Paul and Felicia. The trees included 12 each of Red Maple, American Hornbeam, Yellowwood, Ahse's Magnolia, Moonglow Magnolia, Dawn Redwood, Black Gum, Sourwood, Swamp White Oak, Burr Oak.
  - a. Felicia will talk to Christina Mann of the TWP about posting the lottery info on the website. We would like it up on September 28.
  - b. Marie will contact HHS for volunteers to help with planting on 10/28 as some people who want trees may not be able to do the planting on their own.
  - c. We will take delivery of trees in the afternoon of Friday 10/27.
  - d. There will not be a September meeting to discuss further details of the October Tree Lottery. Any further issues can be dealt with thru email.
8. Continuing discussion of Heritage Tree plaques. It was agreed to get black aluminum plaques to nail into the trees. These would cost about \$25/ea. Quote from National Baud Tag. Possible engraving to include: 'Haverford Twp Heritage Tree', tree type/species, approximate age/born on date.
9. Paul reported that the STC budget of \$19,500 would be submitted before September 8, 2023
10. 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.
    - i. Jim will work with Beechwood Civic Assn and Tree tenders for delivery and planting of 25 trees in November.
  - 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 and posted
- 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. Agreed in August meeting to get aluminum plaques costing about \$25/ea
- 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 9:15 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday October 23, 2023 at 7:30p.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jim Stephens*, secretary