

Haverford Township Shade Tree Commission

Minutes of Monday, March 25, 2019

Meeting took place at the Township Municipal Building.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair Mark Pennington.

Committee Attendees: Paul Davit, Ryan Herlinger, Joe Rastatter, Doreen Alvarez Saar, David Schneck, Joseph Celia for the Township.

Absent: Jonathan Alderson

Others: Joe D'Orazio, Terrador Penn LLC; Tony Morinelli, Mill Road

1. Approved Minutes of February 25, 2019.
2. Reviewed plans for 217 Walnut Hill. Developer D'Orazio resubmitted plans (which had arrived too late for February meeting). Several suggestions for changes were made: a) switch the street trees to 2 maples and one red oak; b) add 2 red oaks and 2 ornamentals. Because the developer could not meet the balance of the tree inches needed to comply with the statute, he volunteered to donate the remaining tree caliper inches of 21 additional trees or (63 inches) to be used at the discretion of the Township.
3. Met with Tony Morinelli of Mill Road. He wanted to bring the Committee's attention to the poor condition of Karakung creek and asked for suggestions/ discussion with the STC about ways in which STC could help. STC members were enthusiastic, offered suggestions but STC could not act as on this issue at this time.
4. Welcomed Ryan Herlinger new appointee to STC.
5. Suggested that a review of Township Statutes relevant to the work of STC would be appropriate for next meeting. Doreen, who has developed a working copy, will distribute these to members for discussion at the next meeting
6. Worked on plans for tree giveaway. There will be a reduced number of trees. Everyone on the Committee volunteered to help on the project: Joe R will work on marketing; Mark will work on dates and distribution; David will find a source for trees; others will fill in as needed.
7. As part of the required replacement for the golf club project, Merion Golf Club will place new trees on the Ardmore Avenue Bridge.
8. Next meeting will be April 22.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen Alvarez Saar, co-secretary