

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP - SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Date: November 20, 2018

Attendees: Barley VanClief, Jerome Ocker, Ann Marchino

Meeting Called to Order: 7:10 pm

OLD BUSINESS

1. Sept 19, 2018 meeting minutes.
 - a. Jerome moved to approve the 9-19-18 minutes, Barley seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.
2. Bob White Park Rotary Trees
 - a. Jerome & Barley replaced the last dead Elm tree last week. Jerome gave a report to Park and Rec Committee. The slope will need on-going weed control.
3. Ash Tree Management Plan for Valley Forge Trail.
 - a. Barley met with the Montgomery County Conservation District today to review the recent tree planting. They liked how it turned out.
 - b. She showed them the next planting area, which will be done with a TreeVitalize grant, part with volunteers and part by a private contractor. They approved it and suggested that it be planted quickly to help shade out invasives.
 - c. They reviewed the temporary construction road and replanting. They made recommendations for erosion control measures.
 - d. We should direct any concerns about the Heuser Park pond to the UMT Environmental Advisory Council.
4. Video Series.
 - a. Ann prepared content for "12 Favorite Trees" and has begun communicating with Don Herbert about filming it.
 - b. Jerome has content for a pruning video and also reached out to Don.
5. Beautification Awards.
 - a. While it's difficult to anticipate what a landscape might look like in summer/fall, we agreed to keep the schedule as it is. STC members should be noting addresses of nice yards and trees as they drive around town throughout the year.
6. Fall Planting.
 - a. Barley will assist Dan Russell for sending the final report to TreeVitalize documenting the fall planting effort along Valley Forge Trail.
7. Stormwater Issue 2 Lafayette Rd. in Colonial Village.

- a. This really doesn't fall under Shade Tree Commission's review. The township has been alerted to the problem.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Heuser Park Conceptual Plan.
 - a. Tina presented the conceptual master plan at the last meeting. We can coordinate with her to determine our reforestation strategy. Discussion tabled until next meeting.
2. Silas T. Burgess Arboretum at the Moore-Irwin House.
 - a. The Historic Society is working on renovating the house.
 - b. Dan Russell offered to walk the property with the STC to review some of the nice trees. May, 2019 might be good time to do this.
3. Education Programs.
 - a. Barley will be doing a tree planting on November 30 at Heuser Park with some Radnor High School students.
 - b. Barley will be discussing invasives on December 11 with three classes of Upper Merion Twp. High School students.
4. Hughes Road Cell Tower.
 - a. The tower and fence were finished months ago, but the plants have not been installed. Ann will alert Rob Loeper of this.
5. Heuser Park Reforestation Management.
 - a. Regular control of the invasive species in the reforestation areas must be done. STC will request grant funding for herbicide spraying to protect the tree investment.

PLAN REVIEWS

F&P Ventures, LLC, 504 Swedeland Rd.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm. The next meeting is January 19, 2018 at 7:00 pm.