

SHADE TREE AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION NOVEMBER 14, 2012

The members of the Shade Tree and Beautification Commission (STC) assembled for the regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at Upper Merion Township, 175 West Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA. The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Barbara Van Clief, Chairperson
Michael Sullivan, Vice-Chairperson
James Kowal, Staff Liaison
Jerome Ocker, Guest

ABSENT

Michael Countis
Robert Dempsey
David Sullivan
Dr. David Krasner
Greg Philips, Board Liaison

INTRODUCTION:

JEROME OCKER (GUEST)

Jerome Ocker has applied for the vacant position on the Shade Tree and Beautification Commission and was introduced. Jerome is a Certified Arborist currently working with Davey Tree Experts at their King of Prussia facility.

MEETING DISCUSSION:

1. PARTNERSHIP WITH BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

The meeting on the Partnership with Business Improvement District will continue in late November.

2. ORDINANCE REVIEW

The meeting on the Ordinance Review was delayed due to Hurricane Sandy, and has been rescheduled for late November.

3. GRANT APPLICATION

Barley has obtained copies of the partial inventory reports submitted by Morris Arboretum years ago. These documents will help inform a future grant application. The STC discussed the possibility of applying for funding to conduct a volunteer-run inventory of park trees, along with limited planting at Township-owned properties.

4. BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

The awards were presented at the Supervisor's meeting on October 4, 2012. Mike Sullivan and Mike Countis were thanked for their assistance with the presentations. The STC members agreed that surveys for the 2013 Beautification Awards should begin earlier, starting in May of 2013, so the process can be completed and video footage taped while the gardens are in prime condition. Residents will be asked to submit nominations by the first week of May.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. It was noted that some of the river birch planted at Bob White Park in 2011 have died or been vandalized. We will investigate ways to replace those trees.
- b. Landscape plans were reviewed for The Container Store, to be located along DeKalb Pike at the King of Prussia Mall.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: January 9, 2013