

# Upper Merion Shade Tree Commission Meeting

11-13-13

Attending: Bob Dempsey, Ann Marchino, Jerome Ocker, Bill Schutter, Mike Sullivan, and Barley Van Clief (chair)  
Guests: Chris Kassman, Sandy Moskowitz and Vivian Pekin from Upper Merion Environmental Advisory Council

1. Meeting called to order: 7:03 PM.
2. Grant Tree Planting project planning:
  - a. Barley reported on volunteers who have responded to date and asked for ideas to spread the word more widely.
  - b. Barley reported on donations pledged from area businesses, including Angelo's Pizza, Home Depot, Kunda Beverages and WalMart. These are much appreciated! Requests are still outstanding from Wawa and Wegmans.
  - c. Tools have been borrowed from PHS's Tree Tenders Tool Library. Barley will pick up these and other supplies on Friday, November 22.
  - d. Holes have been completely dug. Additional backfilling soil will be needed because of the rocky soil.
  - e. Bill will seek a donation of mulch, since the Township's mulch supply is not currently ready for use.
  - f. Jerome will see if Davey Trees will donate the use of their water truck for planting day.
  - g. Bob will see if he can locate a dump trailer for hauling mulch to tree locations.
  - h. Trees will be stored overnight:
    - i. In Heuser Park building, with tarp on the floor for protection
    - ii. In Ann's garage for Executive Estates trees.
  - i. The group reviewed a video on "How to Plant a Bare Root Tree" and instruction cards were distributed. The STC members and Sue Ridgeway will serve as team leaders, along with several others. These will lead groups of 2-3 volunteers. Ann will lead the Executive Estates team, moving on to Ross Road when finished.
  - j. Deer protection is on the "wish list" for early next fall.
3. Plans were reviewed for a new car wash at 455 West DeKalb. Suggestions were made and the review document submitted.
4. Next meeting will be in January – To Be Announced.
5. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.