



UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP

175 W. Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406-1802

SHADE TREE AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Upper Merion Township Building
175 W. Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406

Wednesday 3/20/2024 at 7 PM

AGENDA

- I. Meeting Called to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Attendance
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 1. 1/17/2024
- V. Comments from Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
- VI. Reports and Discussions
 1. Supervisor Liason's Report
 2. Staff Liason's Report
 3. **(OLD BUSINESS)** Grant Reports
 - Meadow Grant
 - BCA Grant- Tree Protectors
 4. Winter Work Day Report -Mulching at Heuser
 5. Crow Creek Trail
 - Spring Planting
 - Creation of Advisory/Ad Hoc Committee- further discussion
- VII. New Business
 1. Removal Ordinance(s)
 - Bamboo and Invasive Species
 - Tree Preservation, Tree Replacement
 2. Spring work Day 4/6/2024
 3. Boy Scout Project Planting- Sam
 4. Earth Day Activity
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Adjournment – Next Meeting Scheduled for 5/15/2024

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Information for Discussion:

Radnor has a Bamboo standalone chapter that could be worked into a larger invasive plants chapter/section: <https://ecode360.com/36575526?highlight=invasive&searchId=17696352835591265#36575526>

Swarthmore Borough has a more detailed Bamboo ordinance that provides for specific buffer area dimensions https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/swarthmore/latest/swarthm_pa/0-0-0-22773

New Britain Borough combined the standard Bamboo Ord with other invasive species (and included the list in the definition): <https://ecode360.com/32564719>

This would likely be the best way to address both. However, New Britain's provides for more regulation of existing plants, and not just planning new or permitting to spread. I think that is a consideration as to what level of regulation is desired for both bamboo and other invasive/noxious plants

In 2019, the STC did make a recommendation for the SALDO for an invasive species list that was incorporated under 145-24.1(L)(1) <https://ecode360.com/11657436#11657436> - so they do have a prior list to work from, although this would only apply through land development/subdivision so there would need to be another list to prevent non-land development plantings.