

Malvern Shade Tree Commission
Minutes for Monthly Meeting, 5/20/19

Attending: Linda Burton, Joe Bones, Bobbi Tower, Chris Bashore, Matt Bush

1. Reviewed revised plans for Rennahan subdivision at 11 Griffith Avenue
 - Matt Bush from Engineering LLC presented the new landscaping plan.
 - The Planning Commission nixed dogwoods, so new plan calls for a Redbud on the corner, 2 swamp white oaks and 1 red oak.
 - After reviewing plans, the STC recommended removing the second spruce because it cannot be protected sufficiently during construction and grading; replace with a shade tree
 - Instead of all honey locusts as street trees, use a mix of honey locusts, Zelkovas, Ginkgos, maybe another redbud
2. Reviewed Amy Finkbiner request regarding removal and replacement of 2 trees in alley
 - Ms. Finkbiner does not need to replace the trees. She got permission from the Code Enforcement Officer. The trees were insignificant. Bobbi will reach out to her regarding a BR tree in the fall.
 - If residents remove trees without permission they need to replace. With permission replacement is at resident's discretion.
 - Chris will seek clarification of the ordinance with the solicitor.
3. Review Annear Lane replacement trees
 - The right of way in alleys is 16 feet + a Shade Tree Protection Zone of 10 feet per side (Section 25.29, K2 of the Administrative Code defined the area beyond the right of way where trees need to be protected)
 - Bill is reaching out to owner Owen Carr to replace 2 trees
4. Update on trees on Warren Avenue at the Baptist Church cemetery
 - Linda Burton and Bobbi Tower met with Pastor Bob and Mary Ellen Gerwig to resolve their concerns regarding placement of the trees.
 - Two of the trees will be relocated. New sites have been marked with stakes topped with surveyors' ribbons.
5. Update on status of Tree List for Chester County Planning Commission
 - Bobbi will send to Chris the updated Plant Materials List. Chris will forward to our solicitor to put in proper ordinance form and return to the STC for review. Chris will then forward to our Borough Planning Commission.
6. Update on 2019 Spring bare root tree planting; elm tree at 240 W. First Ave.
 - Planting went well. The Borough picked up 15 trees and delivered them to residents. Bobbi visited all planting sites to advise residents about proper siting and planting technique. Resident at 240 W. First Avenue still planted an elm under the power lines. While it is in line with another large tree several properties down, it will need to be severely pruned by PECO when it gets large.
 - A map of BR tree placements show trees have been planted throughout the Borough.
7. Chris Bashore to incorporate Administrative Ordinance with STC Ordinance

- The Homerule Charter and Administrative Code are confusing and contradictory. Chris will have the Solicitor review and combine.
 - Note: Jenkintown requires permits to remove trees even in a resident's own back yard.
 - Chris will have this available by next STC meeting
8. Update on St. Pat's landscape plan
- The new plan will be available for review next month
9. Update on Tree Survey on King Street
- Chris Bashore will get Dan and Tony together
10. Update on Quann Park
- Boy Scout Troup will install handicap ramp
 - Powelton Ave will be extended across First Avenue
 - 4 trees will have to come out; Borough is looking for recommendations from STC: look at trees, suggest alternate locations
 - Plan on an STC site visit late July
11. Note on Ruthland and First Avenue
- 4 trees are to be removed. The tree closest to the private drive will remain and the larger diameter tree at the rear will remain re Lovekin email dated 1/29/19.

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