

Malvern Shade Tree Commission
Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2023

Present	Bobbi Tower, Joe Bones, Tiffany Loomis, Borough Manager, Cindy Scott-Ziminsky Malvern Retreat By Zoom: Michael Norton-, Malvern Retreat, Dan Daly, Borough Engineer, Lynne D. Frederick, Malvern Historical Commission
Absent	Linda Burton (Chair)
Next meeting	March 20, 2023 @ 3 PM

Unfinished Business

Malvern Retreat House

- Malvern Retreat submitted a thorough Tree Replacement Plan.
- STC recommended approval to be sent to Borough Manager/Engineer to set up follow-up mechanism, written agreement, and a violation close-out

King Street Tree Planting Project

- Dan reviewed tree species and sites
- STC would like to have as many natives as possible, while keeping 2 London Plane Trees
- Time schedule: 2/27, Proposed Plan; 3/20, STC recommends approval of revised Plan; 4/1 – 4/30 Plant trees

Tree Removal Tracking Spreadsheet

- Borough will check trees at 134 Powelton and on First Avenue to see if permit was obtained
- Additional tree removals to be checked:
 - 156 Woodland (just to the right of the wrought iron gate on First Avenue)
 - 207 Church Street (giant stump is at back of property at First and Green)

Spring 2023 Bare Root Tree Program

- 22 Trees will be ordered from PHS
- Borough will pick them up on April 21
- Joe and Bobbi will help tag them for delivery
- Linda and Bobbi will do the pre-delivery calls
- Joe and Bobbi will do the site visits on planting day

New Business

New Trees to be planted at St. Patrick's Parish

- Dan has included the trees in his punch list
- Trees on Woodland Avenue are in
- Still to be added: one more on Woodland and 2 on Roberts Lane

Heritage Tree Program

- Lynn and the STC discussed cooperating on the Heritage Tree Program along with the EAC
- NOTE: Christine Hafer from the EAC presented to the STC during the last meeting regarding the Homegrown National Part Initiative. All the steps the EAC proposed for the STC we are already

doing with the exception of the Heritage Tree Program which has languished due to lack of interest in the Borough

- Role of STC: define “Heritage Tree,” identify the trees, take pictures, work with Tiffany to word the plaque/certificate, conduct the tree part of a walking tour/brochure
- NOTE: Witness Tree was defined as one that was here when the Borough was incorporated ~ 125 years ago. Would Heritage Tree have the same definition?
- Role of Historical Commission: Look at the property, identify historical significance, conduct the property part of the walking tour/brochure
- EAC can discuss environmental benefits and why it’s important
- Start with Lynn Frederick’s tree
 - Take a photo of STC and Lynn measuring the tree; place in Borough Broadcaster
 - While STC will be identifying street side trees, residents will be encouraged to identify trees in their back yards as well as their street trees