

Malvern Shade Tree Commission
Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2023

Present	Linda Burton, Bobbi Tower, Joe Bones, & Tiffany M. Loomis: Borough Manager
Absent	Corinne J. Badman, Assistant Borough Manager
Next Meeting	December 18, 2023 @ 3:00 PM

Unfinished Business

A. King Street Tree Planting- Phase II 2024

- a. Improve the planting plan for 2024: Communication for planting sites, tree species.
- b. STC will send out three letters to residents and business owners on a schedule. Scheduled for June, August and the last letter will be sent out by September 30, 2024.
- c. Identify planting sites by February 2024.
- d. Obtain a list of native trees at local nurseries.
- e. Identify sites and tree species by February 26, 2024.

B. Pruning and removal of dead trees within Borough Parks: removal priority

- a. Remove the cluster of dead Ash trees located near the Public Works building.
- b. Ash trees along the access road opposite to the Randolph Woods parcel.
- c. Joe Bones will mark the trees to be removed and Ira Dutter will follow up and schedule the removal.

C. Fall Bare Root Tree Program

- a. 15 Bare Root trees were ordered at a cost of \$1,085.
- b. Plans were discussed for Tree Tenders to plant trees on November 17, 2023 and Saturday, November 18, 2023.

D. Review Trees Removed with/without permits-Review Spreadsheet

- a. Bill Wilfong, Building and Code Enforcement Official reported
- b. 376 Broad Street
- c. 318 W. First Avenue resident will replace tree
- d. 328 Green Street: declining/ dead tree with energized line and cars parked near the tree is a safety issue. STC now requests that Bill Wilfong contact the resident.
- e. Newly planted tree at the ballpark: deer rubbed antlers on the trunk.
 - i. David Burton will wrap the trees in plastic tubing to protect the tree for trunk protection.
- f. Check the tree on Monument Avenue east of Wayne Avenue.

New Business

A. Notable Trees

- a. Plan days/ date for Shade Tree Commission to identify tree locations and horticulture information for trees.
- b. Joe Bones has taken photos of notable trees throughout the Borough.

B. Valley Creek Church (Formerly First Baptist Church)

- a. Inquiry made about the Bare Root Tree Program: STC will reach out to Luke Menser, church member, to meet on this property.

C. Proposal

- a. Shade Tree Ordinance pertaining to removal of trees.
- b. STC discussed a plan to communicate with new residents. Tiffany Loomis and Corinne Badman suggested a Welcome Packet.

D. Tree Vandalized: Paoli Battlefield Preservation (PBPF)

- a. Tiffany Loomis, Borough Manager, will inquire into the defacing of a tree with the #1 symbol.

E. Purchase of two reference books

- a. Joe Bones requested the purchase of two reference books for the STC.
- b. The Tree Book by Keith Warren and Michael Dirr b. Dirr's Encyclopedia of Trees and Shrubs by Michael Dirr.

Public Comment

Adjournment

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