

Malvern Shade Tree Commission

Monthly Meeting, 3/25/19

Present: Linda Burton, Joe Bones, Bobbi Tower, Chris Bashore, Dan Dailey

1. New trees for Warren Avenue along the cemetery between First Avenue and Roberts Lane
 - Chris presented a letter from Tony Dufour regarding planting of trees
 - Chris will present to Borough Council on 4/2/19

2. Tree survey for King Street
 - The STC recommends a professional assessment. Over the last year, we have been asked to check whether the trees are pushing up the pavement in multiple locations. While we have walked the west end of King Street, we feel a professional assessment is in order. Street trees usually have a 25 year life span, and the Zelkovias are reaching this age. There are numerous vacant pits as well. Any replacement of failing or removed trees is not simple because it affects pavement, tree pits, and underlying utilities, so a coordinated approach would be necessary.
 - A tree inventory might cost a few thousand dollars. Bobbi attended a Tree Update Conference and heard about Community Forestry Management Grants as part of the Tree Vitalize Program from the PA Horticultural Society. It might be able to fund part of a tree survey.
 - Dan suggested working with Tony Dufour to do the tree survey. Tony would look at the trees, Dan at the utilities and infrastructure.
 - Dan will identify the scope of work for a modified tree survey to include arial mapping, labeling of trees, identification of problem trees (immediate and future). This would allow us to identify what trees to replace when and to prioritize costs for inclusion in the Borough capital plan.

3. Review of landscape plan for St. Pat's
 - There is not enough space for the screening Arborvitae and all of the proposed Lindens
 - Dan is concerned that the Linden proposed for the corner of Roberts and Woodland will not fit
 - Lindens have been overplanted in the Borough
 - We recommend relocating 5 of the proposed trees elsewhere on the property, and considering placing one or two different tree species along Woodland Avenue
 - Dan will talk with St. Pat's engineer or landscape architect and Tony Dufour. Tony is a parishioner at St. Pat's so might have an interest in appropriate plantings.

4. Upcoming Bare Root Tree Planting
 - We have the maximum order for 15 trees at \$50/tree for a total of \$750
 - Borough will pick up trees and deliver to front yards on 4/26/19
 - Bobbi will forward details to Chris Bashore when received from PHS
 - Bobbi will email planting instructions to recipients prior to planting
 - Joe and Bobbi will be available on 4/27/19 for planting consults

5. Review of Landscape Plan for 11 Griffith Avenue
 - The STC will do a site visit on 3/37/19

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