SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION MINUTES OF MEETING June 25, 2020

The Springfield Township Shade Tree Commission met in a regular monthly meeting at 7:00 PM. via the Zoom Virtual Conferencing Program. Present at the meeting were: Mrs. Breen, Chair, Ms. Ponce, Vice-Chair, Mr. Ferguson, and Mr. Bell. Staff liaison Mr. Ford was also present.

Shade Tree Commission members Mr. Pryzblinski and Mr. Ferguson as well as Commissioner Liaison Mr. Lee were absent.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion made and the minutes for the May 28, 2020 meeting of the Shade Tree Commission were approved by unanimous consent.

Commissioner and Township Update

Mr. Ford provided the Commission with an update on Township activities including COVID-19 related measures, with detail provided in regards to the community's transition to the green phase of Governor's Wolf State Reopening Plan.

Old Business

SPOTTED LANTERNFLY TREATMENT AT WYNDHILL

Commission members continued their discussion on petitioning the Board of Commissioners to treat the four Red Maples in the vicinity of the Wyndhill Park Playground for Spotted Lanternfly. Emphasis was given on the potential impact on the shade trees in providing cover to the playground as well as the possible damage the SLF could have on the playground equipment.

After reviewing possible types of treatments and the estimates received by the members for the treatment of the four trees, the Commission voted in favor of attending the July Board of Commissioners meeting to ask for their support in treating the trees.

STREET TREE REMOVAL/REPLACEMENT REGULATIONS

Mr. Bell voiced support of some sort of rules being put in place for exceptional trees with the possibility of creating an inventory. Mr. Ford reported that research is still being conducted and will have some sample pieces of legislation available for discussion at the July meeting.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandon Ford Assistant to the Township Manager