

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 28, 2024**

The Springfield Township Shade Tree Commission met for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting at 7:00 PM in the Free Library of Springfield Township, located at 8900 Hawthorne Lane in Wyndmoor, PA.

Present at the meeting were: Ms. Ponce, Messrs. Pryzblinski, Bell, Schwartz, Kowalski and Johnson. Assistant Township Manager Lloyd was also in attendance. Ms. Breen & Commissioner MacNamara were absent.

Approval of the Minutes

Meeting Minutes for February 22, 2024, were approved.

Tree Donation Requests

There have been no donation requests for 2024. Commission reviewed 2023 year to date Tree Donation Requests and Plantings received to date. A total of three tree donations have been received:

1. Mr. Lloyd informed the Commission that he will reach out to the Township's contractor one more time regarding the 2023 donation trees getting planted along with the replacement Dogwood tree in Veteran's Park.

Landscape Plan Reviews

Mr. Lloyd went over the proposed site layout for the Towns at Pennybrook Townhouse project (Haws Lane) and Springfield Township Middle School auditorium addition project. Ms. Ponce will be forwarding the STC recommendations to Mr. Lloyd to turn over.

Old/New Business:

PECO Green Region Grant

Mr. Lloyd stated that there has been no update yet on the PGR Grant application that was submitted in November to replace a few trees on the Municipal Campus

PSU PHS Tree Tenders Training

Mr. Lloyd informed the Commission that he completed his PSU/PHS Tree Tender online training.

Arbor Day 2024

Arbor Day 2024 will take place on April 27, 2024 at Wyndhill Park. The STC will be raffling of 30 trees. Mr. Pryzblinski will be the speaker for the tree planting demonstration. Other STC members and a Public Works staff member will be performing the actual planting. Mr. Lloyd will reach out to Commissioner MacNamara to ask her to read remarks at the planting in recognition of Baird Standish's service to the Township.

Wyndmoor “Street” Trees

Mr. Kowalski mentioned that he has been approached by a few neighbors regarding the lack of shade along the streets in Wyndmoor. He mentioned the Black Gum (Tupelo) would be a good candidate species for the area. The commission wants to explore some possible education opportunities. Mr. Johnson volunteered to assist with putting together some educational information.

Commissioner Update

Deferred to next meeting.

Adjournment

With no other business, a motion was raised and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Lloyd
Assistant Township Manager
Springfield Township, Montco.