STC Meeting Notes | *May 09, 2018*

Participants

In attendance: Joe Ascenzi, Kathryn Helmsley, John Kennedy, Roman Procyk, Andy Oles, Carl Andresen

Not in attendance: Colin Watson, Tim Gilmour, Kathy Weir, Rita Stevens

Calendar / Events

Next STC meeting-Wednesday, June 13, 2018, **UPDATE**: Move to the Township Building at 7:00 pm to accommodate ordinance project kick-off meeting

Ordinance Project kick-off meeting - TO BE HELD AT JUNE MEETING

FINANCIAL

No report

ADVISORY

Manor college has reached out to the STC for assistance and consultation in selecting trees to be planted. John will reach out to John Winicki at Manor College and connect Joe to offer some assistance.

A township resident and past recipient of a tree through a STC planting has contacted the STC via email with a photo of the tree and some issues with the tree. John will follow up with this resident.

PROJECTS

Planting Projects

Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary- A reminder that Think Green was selected to compete the project and there is no activity at this time.

Crestmont Park- John will follow up with Tim to confirm that the remaining CSX trees have been planted at Crestmont Park as previously discussed.

Fall Bare Root Trees- our plan is to plant approximately 30 trees in one location this fall. Possible locations including: Manor College, the Ukrainian Center, St Hilary's RC Church, Hillside Cemetery or Willow Hill Community Baptist Church. Further discussion will take place at the May and June

meetings. The STC invites additional ideas.

Planning Projects

Ordinance development- John provided an update

The updated version of the proposal provided by Bob Wells and Dennis Metz of the Morris Arboretum has been accepted and its recommended by the STC

This proposal was then signed by John Kennedy representing the STC and Andy Oles as the Township representative

Andy reported that he will get approval to move forward

John will work to coordinate a meeting with Bob and Denny as soon as mutually agreeable.

STC ADMINISTRATIVE

Colin Watson is expected to be approved at the May 10 Board of Commissioners meeting. He will complete the remaining portion of Charlie Sobeleski's term

STC GRANT STRATEGY

Andy Oles informed the STC that he has received preliminary approval for the township to apply for a Tree Vitalize grant for the 2019 cycle.

Some areas to look at the potential for tree planting projects:
Rockwell park could be assessed for the need for shade trees at Rockwell Park.

Huntingdon Pike was identified as being in need of street trees and trees in and around the large shopping center area

There are other areas that have been identified in previous discussions

**STC members are asked to visit the above locations and consider these and any other recommendations for this grant opportunity and get back to Andy by mid-June at latest

NEW ITEMS

Carl Andresen a resident of the Meadowbrook section of Abington Township joined the May meeting. Carl has a professional background in the landscaping industry and is interested in volunteering with the STC.

From the Township - Andy Oles asked for feedback and recommendations for trees to be planted at an open space on Wanamaker Road. Funds left by an Abington Township resident are to used for trees there. **STC members were asked to visit and assess this location to make recommendations on tree selection and placement.

Andy reported that recently discussions have re-started on the design and work to be done to revitalize the war Memorial Park. Andy will apprise the STC of updates on this project that the STC had previously provided feedback and guidance on.

Action Items:

• Visit Rockwell park for recommendation on planting shade trees there -Joe & John

• Visit Wanamaker Road site for recommendation on planting shade trees there-Joe & John

• Consider locations/projects for possible 2019 Tree Vitalize Grant - Due by mid July-All

• Reply back to inquiries via the STC email - John K

• Follow up with Bob Wells and Denny Metz to arrange meeting to kick-off tree ordinance project - John K