



January Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, January 9, 2019 Grove Park House, Easton Road | 7:30 to 9:00 pm

WELCOME AND REVIEW AGENDA

FINANCIAL

1. Update- balances

ADVISORY

1. Land development application for new Medical Office at 1137-51 Old York Road - watch
2. Street Tree master plan for TC street trees- frame what's needed to develop a recommendation; Supporting tool- PHS Urban Tree Cloud for tree inventory <https://pg-cloud.com/phs/>

PROJECTS

1. Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary- C2P2 project - Update- clearing to commence in January/February; target project with Inframark volunteers spring 2019
2. Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary- EHT reconstruction project- discuss approach to deer protection
3. Landscape ordinance- Grant closeout and next steps; Public awareness- info to be sent with permit application package; ISA brochures
4. New request- tree-planting program for native shade trees on the campus of Abington Junior High School, in partnership with the Science Department
5. Lay out priorities/ major projects for full year 2019; use following list of active projects to support discussion

STC ADMINISTRATIVE

1. 2018 Tree City USA application-complete and submitted

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

1. Tree Vitalize Watersheds application for 2019- awaiting funder response (March 2019)

NEW ITEMS

1. Online Tree Tender Training Thursdays Jan 24-March 7, 2019, noon or 7 pm

REFERENCE: STC ACTIVE PROGRAMS

- **Inventories**

- Street tree inventory- need to update and recommend master plan
- Public space ash tree survey- underway
- Park survey to prioritize future plantings- underway
- Grove Park trees- to be inventoried and tagged winter 2018-2019

- **Ordinance and Best Practices**

- 2018 TreeVitalize Community Forestry Management Grant project- underway- coordinate with SALDO rewrite
- Township request for a TC tree maintenance plan- begin to work in detail in January 2019
- Open space plan- coordinate with larger Township initiative

- **Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary**

- C2P2 project Bid process completed, contractor selected and work pending; offer by Inframark for a spring service project- need to follow up
- Edgehill Tyson project / AWS overlay- STF and staff field visits 11/28,30/2018 to align on tree plan and protection; clearing work and construction of drainage feature underway; planting scheduled for spring 2019

- **Tree Planting and Care- Priority Sites and Initiatives**

- Abington- Monitored trees planted Memorial Island spring 2017- 2 dead; replaced and added 5 trees November 2017; OYR large canopy trees- needs to be contracted - safety considerations
- Ardsley Cemetery- sugar maple tree scape installed December 2018
- Ardsley Community Center- monitor trees planted 2016-2017- replace 2 dead
- Crestmont Park- monitor trees planted 2015-2016- all doing well- add CSX trees spring 2018?
- Deal Park- planted spring 2018 ; monitor
- Edge Hill Woods-monitor test trees planted fall 2017 with deer fencing land near Edgecomb entrance
- Grove Park- Riparian restoration and Tree planting- spring and fall 2017; Tree survey and labeling- winter 2018-2019
- Hallowell Park- monitor bare root and container planted fall 2017; apply for 2019 TV Watershed grant to plant in the area near volleyball court
- North Hills Park- added 3 trees fall 2018- site for 2019 Arbor Day?

- Parkdale Avenue- need to limb up trees planted through PECO grant- fall 2018
- Penbryn Park- monitor trees planted fall 2016- doing well
- Rockwell Park- planted fall 2018- monitor
- Roslyn public and private spaces- TD Green Streets planted 2017; monitor
- Roychester Park- succession planting Nov 2017; monitor
- St. Ann's Church- planted fall 2018
- Wanamaker Road- desirable planting space; no active project

- **Outreach and PR**

- Volunteers
 - i. Tree Tenders/ Friends of Parks- how to grow and support?
 - ii. Student volunteers- bat houses and interpretive features at AWS; AJH tree planting project
 - iii. Corporate volunteers- TD Bank, Inframark
- Township communications
 - i. Township newsletter and calendar -update each year
 - ii. Township website
 - iii. New residents' package - follow to assess impact
 - iv. Township permit package
- STC social media (we own abingtontrees.com URL)
 - i. Email
 - ii. Facebook page
 - iii. Blog at www.abingtontrees.com
- Logo- lawn signs, T shirts, labels for brochures?
- Private Trees
 - i. Tree Giveaway 2017 CSX grant- highly successful; repeat in 2019?
 - ii. Push for tree preservation and protection

CALENDAR

- Next STC meeting, Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 7:30 pm

January- March:

- Annual plan and priorities
- Town Center Street Tree recommendations
- Ordinance grant project closeout and public outreach
- Grove tree inventory and tagging
- Grant strategy

April-June

- Annual report to the Board of Commissioners
- Arbor Day (4/27/19 at North Hills Park? or AJH?)
- AWS C2P2 planting and project completion
- AWS EHT planting
- Kick-off Hallowell Watershed project
- Ordinance ongoing

July-September:

- Detail fall planting plans
- Continue Hallowell TV Watershed project
- Ordinance ongoing

October-December:

- Biannual tree giveaway?
- Bare root tree planting- where?
- Complete Hallowell TV Watershed project
- Ordinance ongoing
- Tree City USA submission