



April Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 Grove Park House, Easton Road | 7:30 to 9:00 pm

WELCOME AND REVIEW AGENDA

FINANCIAL

1. Update- balances- *Arbor Day expenses*
2. 2019 Grants- TV Watershed - *Hallowell project was not selected for funding- discuss options; Fall tree giveaway- no funds identified*
3. Memorial donation- park bench plus trees at Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary- *to be coordinated with C2P2 restoration project*

ADVISORY

1. Land Development Application LD-19-01: Proposed existing building revisions and parking lot at the Southeast Corner of Highland and Kenmore Ave- *field assessment completed in March (Carl); recommendations forwarded to the applicant, Planning Commission, Administration & Code Committee and the Board of Commissioners.*
2. Street Tree master plan for TC street trees- *proposal: apply for 2020 Tree Vitalize Forestry Management Grant to refresh 2014 street tree inventory, and to detail a maintenance plan, in partnership with the Public Works staff - letter of intent due May 1; discussion: New benchmark- Lakewood Ohio*
3. Planning- *benchmark Lakewood OHIO master plan; update on Township projects*

ACTIVE PROJECTS

1. Inventory and Tree Tending- *update (Collin and Rita)*
2. Earth Day at Roychester Park, coordinated by Commissioner Carswell. *(Andy and Rita)- request to have mulch delivered and STC guidance on tending the newly planted oak trees*
3. Arbor Day- *complete plans and procurement for April 27, 2019, 10 am to noon*
4. ASD request- tree-planting program for native shade trees on the campus of Abington Junior High School, in partnership with the Science Department- *site walk April 5- next steps*
5. Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary- C2P2 project - *contractor to begin in April (Andy)*

6. Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary- EHT - *ongoing (Collin and Rita)*
7. Memorial Island- *ongoing (Joe)*
8. Fall Bare Root Trees Planting- *2 potential sites: Hallowell Riparian and Roslyn Park*

STC ADMINISTRATIVE

1. 2019 annual report- *finalize and schedule presentation for Public Affairs Committee (Andy, Rita)*
2. Landscape ordinance- *update and next steps (Rita)*
3. Intern opportunity to support social media *scope of work (Rita)*
4. Delaware River Watershed Restoration Survey- *coordinate response with EAC and watershed associations*

GRANTS

1. C2P2 for phase one AWS restoration- *goal is to complete in 2019, and apply for phase 2 in 2020*
2. Tree Vitalize Watersheds application for 2019- *project was not funded for 2019*
3. 2020 Tree Vitalize Community Forestry Grant 2020 per above *letter of intent due May 1*
4. Proposal-*seek 2020 ISA Arbor Day of Service for Ardsley Burial Park*

CALENDAR

- **Earth Day, Monday, April 22, ROchester Park**
- **Arbor Day: Saturday, April 27, 2019, 10 am to noon**
- **Next STC meeting, Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 7:30 pm**

REFERENCE: STC ACTIVE PROGRAMS

- **Inventories**
 - Street tree inventory- need to update and recommend master plan
 - Public space ash tree survey- revisit?
 - Park survey to prioritize future plantings- underway
 - Grove Park trees- to be inventoried and tagged spring 2019
- **Ordinance and Best Practices**
 - 2018 TreeVitalize Community Forestry Management Grant project- complete
 - Township request for a TC tree maintenance plan- in progress
 - Open space plan- coordinate with larger Township initiative
- **Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary**
 - C2P2 project - contractor to begin April 2019
 - 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; applied for but not selected for 2019 TV Watershed grant to plant riparian area
- 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- AWS; Grove; AJH tree planting project
 - iii. Corporate volunteers- TD Bank, Inframark
- Township communications
 - i. Township newsletter, calendar, website
 - ii. New residents' package - follow to assess impact
 - iii. Township permit package
- STC social media (we own abingtontrees.com URL)
 - i. Email, Facebook page
 - ii. Blog at www.abingtontrees.com
- Private Trees
 - i. Tree Giveaway 2017 CSX grant- highly successful; repeat in 2020?
 - ii. Push for tree preservation and protection