



STC Meeting Notes | *Wednesday, March 13, 2019*

Participants:

In attendance: Carl Andresen, John Kennedy, Colin Watson, Kathy Hemsley, Roman Procyk, Abington Township: Andy Oles. Not present: Rita Stevens, Joe Ascenzi

Calendar

- Next Shade Tree Commission Meeting, Wednesday, April 13, 2019

WELCOME AND REVIEW AGENDA

FINANCIAL

1. Update- balances- *no changes since February meeting*
2. Funds received and deposited- Tree Vitalize - Tree Vitlalize Forestry Management Grant TV2018/CFM-05 *now closed out*
3. Pending grant- TV Watershed 2019- \$3244 grant with \$4766 match for project total of \$8010 for restoration of riparian area in Hallowell Park- *expect funding decision by the end of March*
4. Pending memorial donation- memorial bench plus budget for plantings at Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary- *Andy and Rita following up at the end of March*
5. Potential for funds to support tree giveaway at Abington Manor (similar to CSX 2017 event)- *no update, awaiting news of fund availability*

ADVISORY

1. **Ongoing:** 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, building off of February STC discussion (Carl); recommendations have been forwarded to the applicant, Planning Commission, Administration & Code Committee and the Board of Commissioners.*

2. **Ongoing:** 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 (Rita) | Andy to follow up on as a Board meeting agenda item*
3. **Ongoing** Abington Junior High- *site walk to be scheduled.*
 - a. *John to confirm Meeting at Jr High for Friday, April 5th at 3pm*

ACTIVE PROJECTS

1. **Main topic of discussion:** Arbor Day- rough out plans and procurement for April 27, 2019, 10 am to noon at North Hills Park.
 - a. Colin and Andy will visit and site 1-3 trees. PR and Community involvement underway.
2. Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary- C2P2 project - *contractor to begin in April (Andy)*
3. Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary- EHT - *field consult regarding addition tree removal completed (Collin)*
4. Memorial Island- *Progress is on-going.*
 - a. Fundraising in full swing with several opportunities to give. Facebook, Go Fund Me and “Beef & Beer” scheduled in May.
5. ASD request- tree-planting program for native shade trees on the campus of Abington Junior High School, in partnership with the Science Department-
 - a. site walk -Target Date April 5th
6. Landscape ordinance- *coordinate review with SALDO Project (Rita)*
7. Intern opportunity to support social media *(Rita, Kathryn- in progress) –*
 - a. Discussed that the intern could focus on PR and social media.
 - b. John to email internship outline To Kathy H that had been previously discussed
8. **New:** Inventory and Tree Tending- *proposal- recruit volunteers at each planting site to inventory and tend trees planted in the past 3 years, with STC guidance (assign a lead resident and an STC contact for each of the parks and CS properties?)*
 - a. Discussed needs at Rockwell and Deal parks, St Anne’s Church and memorial Island as the most recent plantings that will need attention this spring. Colin offered to visit and look at these locations. All agree this is an excellent approach going forward

9. **New:** 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*

STC ADMINISTRATIVE

1. **New:** 2019 annual report- *comment on draft (all) and schedule presentation for Public Affairs Committee (Andy, Rita)*

ACTIVE GRANTS | Reviewed and updated on the following grant requests that are in progress

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- - *awaiting funding decision; Collin and Rita to coordinate*
3. **Proposal:** 2020 Tree Vitalize Community Forestry Grant 2020 per above *letter of intent due May 1*

New items

1. Andy informed all about the annual request – Montgomery awards and will forward the email he received