



STC Meeting Notes | *Wednesday, May 8, 2019*

Participants:

In attendance: Carl Andresen, Rita Stevens, John Kennedy, Roman Procyk, Trish Gallagher, Melissa Bonish, Ed Hayes

Not present: Abington Township: Andy Oles, Joe Ascenzi, Colin Watson

Calendar

- Next STC meeting, Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 7:30 pm
- Meeting regarding next steps with ordinance project May 22nd at 1:30 pm (meeting later rescheduled)

WELCOME AND REVIEW AGENDA

FINANCIAL

1. Update- *balances- Arbor day expenses; C2P2 expenses and memorial donations*

ADVISORY

1. Annual Report- *presented to Public Affairs May 1; discuss highlights and priorities*
 - a. Rita supplied us with an update on the report presentation
 - b. Reported that there is an effort to address land development/comprehensive plan. A task force at the Township will be assigned this.
 - c. Rita took us through the presentation followed by questions and discussion around the goals
2. Operations- *highlights from recent township operations meeting*
 - a. EAC and STC will now be participating in a monthly operations meeting with township staff. Incorporating Shade Tree Commission goals more effectively with the township goals is one of the primary reasons for this regular meeting

3. Street Tree Master Plan - *submitted intent to apply for 2020 TV CFG; discuss framework derived from Lakewood OH master plan*
 - a. Intent to apply for grant submitted by Rita. Now waiting to hear the response for the deadline of July 12th to apply.
 - b. Discussed what the scope of plan will include – suggest discussing details further at June meeting
 - c. Municipal trees should be the included focus and will need to define further what is and is not included in the scope
4. Landscape ordinance- *update and next steps*
 - a. Meeting on May 22nd to discuss going forward
5. Copper Beech Heritage Tree- *recent inquiry (Rita)*
 - a. Efforts underway for the care of this tree through the Garden Committee of Copper Beech School. Mulching this tree out to the drip line is an effort underway to help this tree.
6. Land Development Application LD-19-01: Proposed existing building revisions and parking lot at the Southeast Corner of Highland and Kenmore Ave- *watch*
 - a. Township public meeting to be held May 15th
7. Delaware River Watershed Restoration Survey- *awaiting survey*
 - a. No report available

ACTIVE PROJECTS

1. Arbor Day- *recap April events*
 - a. Arbor Day events were recapped as a great success. Follow-up with the care of the trees by local neighbors underway
2. Inventory and Tree Tending- *update*
 - a. Additional updates in June
 - b. The past month has seen 4 significant park clean-up events that have benefited many of the recently planted trees
3. ASD outdoor classroom- *discuss design and next steps*

- a. Collin is providing a base design to the ASD team for comment and to support the target date for budget discussion is in June
4. Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary- C2P2 project - *update*
 - a. Work underway and going well
 - b. Decisions made to address concerns as they arise. Removal of trees and adjustments to be made to the plant selection based on actual site conditions and recommendations by Think Green
 - c. Awaiting feedback for planting timeline and any cost estimates
 5. Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary- EHT -*update*
 - a. *No news impacting STC involvement*
 6. Grove Park Pollinator Garden- *Eagle Project scheduled for weekend of June 1-2*
 - a. This scout will be working with Rita and Glenn and other adults to complete the pollinator garden located at Grove Park
 7. Social media - *scope and next steps*
 - a. Melissa was introduced to the STC and shared a connection regarding the need for 9-12th grade students needing volunteer hours and maybe using Instagram to connect
 - b. Agreed to utilize Instagram in the fall to promote programs and connect with the students
 - c. Provide topics to Ashley at the township to be shared on the website
 8. Fall Bare Root Trees Planting- *2 potential sites: Hallowell Riparian and Roslyn Park*
 - a. This will be placed on the June meeting agenda for further discussion
 9. Memorial Island- *update*
 - a. No new update

New Items

1. Spotted Lanternfly report given
 - a. John attended a public meeting presented by Penn State Extension Service regarding the status of the Lanternfly pest in the region
 - b. It was requested we supply info for Melissa to update Instagram with newest info

regarding the attempt to limit the spread of this damaging pest

2. STC will be applying for Montgomery awards re: planning track. Due May 20th
3. Fall tree planting idea at Ethel Jordan Park was suggested

STC ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Appointments- *reviewed*

GRANTS

1. C2P2 for phase one AWS restoration- *goal is to complete in 2019, and apply for phase 2 in 2020*
2. 2020 Tree Vitalize Community Forestry Grant 2020 per above *letter of intent submitted; discuss scope (Rita)*
 - a. Depending on outcome add this to August agenda
3. 2020 ISA Arbor Day of Service for Ardsley Burial Park- *update*
 - a. We have reached out to connect with the ISA for consideration of a project there