



# November Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, December 11, 2019 Grove Park House, Easton Road | 7:30 to 9:30 pm

## WELCOME AND REVIEW AGENDA

## FINANCIAL

1. Current balances
2. 2020 Township budget status
3. Grants and Sponsorships
  - a. 2020 TV CFM grant proposal- selected for funding- BoC agenda 12/12/19
  - b. 2020 PECO Green Region Bonus Round- applied 11/30/19
  - c. 2020 Americorps support for invasive removal at AWS- applied
  - d. 2019 Tree City USA Application- underway- due 12/31/19
  - e. C2P2 Phase 2 AWS Restoration- apply by 4/2020
  - f. Inframark day of service- tentatively scheduled for 10/2020

## ADVISORY

1. Invasive plant removal
  - a. WVWA proposal to support invasive removal at Roychester Park (Alex Cupo)
  - b. Restoration & Preservation work at Boy Scout Game Preserve- update and planning. Reference article:  
<https://www.abingtonpa.gov/Home/Components/News/News/5622/16>
  - c. Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust: Free-A-Tree Corps volunteer program
2. LD Reviews
  - a. 2947&2949 Elliott Avenue- proposed tree replacement- review and advise
  - b. 966&968 Old York Road- proposed landscape plan- review and advise
3. Municipal Tree Action Plan
  - a. Scope of UTC data analysis
  - b. Overall project scope, staffing, timing and coordination with CPDT
4. Ongoing
  - a. Landscape ordinance- update (Rita)
  - b. Abington-Jenkintown Connect Project- Update (Collin)
  - c. Street tree planting site specs (Joe)
  - d. Comprehensive Plan Development Team- Update (Trish and Rita)
  - e. Spotted Lantern Fly- update (Rita)

## ACTIVE PROJECTS

1. Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary- C2P2 project- update (Rita)
  - a. Signage project- scope and timing
  - b. Grant wrapup- signage, bat house and final report
  - c. Ongoing care- friends group?
2. Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary - EHT -update (Collin and Rita)

## STC ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Tree City USA annual report - review draft
2. Appointments- Board interviews for associate members

## CALENDAR

- Next STC meeting, Wednesday, January 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- ongoing
- **Ordinance and Best Practices**
  - 2018 TreeVitalize Community Forestry Management Grant project- complete
  - Township request for a TC tree maintenance plan- in progress
  - Comprehensive plan- coordinate with larger Township initiative
- **Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary**
  - C2P2 project - well under way; phase one on track for 2019 completion; anticipate applying for phase 2 in 2020
  - Edgehill Tyson project / AWS overlay- conveyance feature nearing completion- monitor

- **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; checked 5/19; major additions with war memorial in 2019
- OYR large canopy trees- needs to be contracted - safety considerations
- Ardsley Cemetery- sugar maples planted December 2018- ¼ survived first year
- Ardsley Community Center- monitor trees planted 2016-2017- checked 6/19
- Crestmont Park- monitor trees planted 2015-2016- all doing well
- 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 pending
- Hallowell Park- monitor bare root and container planted fall 2017; applied for but not selected for 2019 TV Watershed grant to plant riparian area; cleared riparian and planted 15 bare root trees Nov 2019
- North Hills Park- added 3 trees fall 2018- site for 2019 Arbor Day- checked 5/19
- Old York Road street trees- applied for PECO Green Region bonus grant for phase one renewal
- Parkdale Avenue- limbed up trees planted through PECO grant- 3/19
- Penbryn Park- monitor trees planted fall 2016- checked 5/19. 20 trees added 10/19
- Rockwell Park- planted fall 2018- lost 3 elms and 1 maple; elms replaced with oaks 2019
- Roslyn Boys and Girls Club- 4 trees planted Nov 2019.
- Roslyn public and private spaces- TD Green Streets planted 2017; tree protection and pits tended Nov 2019
- Roychester Park- succession planting Nov 2017; checked 5/19; township riparian project completed 11/19

- St. Ann's Church- planted fall 2018-checked August 2019
- Valley Road- Boy Scout Sanctuary- township restoration project underway
- Wanamaker Road- desirable planting space; no active project

- **Outreach and PR**

- Spotted Lantern Fly education
- Volunteers
  - i. Tree Tenders/ Friends of Parks- how to grow and support?
  - ii. Student volunteers- AWS; Grove; AJH tree planting project, ASH Environmental Club
  - iii. Corporate volunteers- TD Bank, Inframark
- Township communications
  - i. Township newsletter, calendar, website- update in progress
  - ii. New residents' package - to be updated
  - iii. Township permit package
- STC social media (we own abingtontrees.com URL)
  - i. Email, Facebook page
  - ii. Blog at [www.abingtontrees.com](http://www.abingtontrees.com)
- Private Trees
  - i. Push for tree preservation and protection
  - ii. Watch for opportunity for tree giveaways