



STC Meeting Notes

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Participants

Joe Ascenzi, Ed Hayes, Tim Gilmour, Rita Stevens, Kathy Weir, John Kennedy

Upcoming Events/Dates

April 16 - Pollinator Garden Planting

April 23 - Arbor Day at Ardsley Community Center

April 22 - PHS Bare root tree delivery

May 5, 12, 19- PHS Tree Tenders training at Foulkeways in Gwynedd

May 11- STC monthly Meeting

May 14 - Ardley Train station planting

Discussion Highlights

FINANCIAL

The STC financial statement was reviewed. Rita updated all on the USACE grant opportunity. Further we reviewed the current programs and funds as well as potential short and long term opportunities for grants and other funding.

1. Update on Grants

- a. MTRP- has been completed and on schedule. A report to be completed for this project - photos will be needed.
- b. C2P2- The application has been submitted . Rita reviewed the completed document which all agreed was thorough and complete. The report highlighted the support for this project by over 15 different local, county and state organizations.
- c. MONTCO 2040 Sustainable Parking Lots- Rita reviewed this grant opportunity

- which focuses on parking lots, walking trails and office parks. The STC agreed they want to place their full support for this grant opportunity for Abington Township. It was suggested and agreed upon that this would be an effort suitable for the Economic Development Committee.
- d. TD Bank has funds available for specific smaller projects. It was agreed that there are often small projects that could be taken on and completed in a timely manner if there were funds available. STC supports looking for specific projects that would support current efforts.
 - e. Ed informed the committee that St Paul's Church has funds available and earmarked for improvements to the area surrounding the church grounds and the neighborhoods near St Paul's.
 - f. PHS has a watershed grant program which appears to be ideal for many of the STC efforts . It was agreed this could be considered for the Spring of 2017.

ADVISORY

- 1. Edgehill Tyson Reconstruction - update and discussion
 - a. Rita updated all on the March 9 discussion of this project.
- 2. Federal support for Sandy Run Watershed restoration- request from Manager Lefevre-
 - a. Rita updated on the Tuesday, April 12 field visit related to this effort.
- 3. Emerald Ash Borer- request from Commissioner Rothman-
 - a. The STC discussed the history of our approach to EAB which was primarily influenced by the low volume of Ash trees discovered during our street tree inventory . Woodlands, parks and private residences were not addressed at that time. The STC discussed the latest information that we have had available to us and will be communicating an updated recommendation shortly.

PROGRAMS

- 1. Crestmont Park- tree planting project- Very successful planting event on the 9th.
- 2. Grove Park- pollinator garden, Eagle Project- updates and planning
- 3. Ardsley Community Center - A detailed plan was distributed and reviewed for the Arbor day celebration event and tree planting
- 4. Ardsley Train Station- Tim updated all on this project for May 14th.
- 5. Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary - Tim said a clean-up will be planned for October.
- 6. Outreach and PR - The STC is looking for additional support in the area of PR and social media.

OPERATIONS

1. Rita will be traveling May and June and John Kennedy will be acting chair. We reviewed a list outlining STC operations and who will be the primary contact for each. Rita will inform township departments about who to reach out to while she is away.
2. Watering schedule was discussed - needing volunteers.
3. Joe suggested and Rita will look into a temporary water supply line at Grove Park to water the many trees planted last fall.
4. Tree City USA- annual report is in draft form. All please review and get back to Rita no later than April 23rd so that she can update and submit soon after.

Meetings notes: John Kennedy