



STC Meeting Notes

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Participants

Kathy Weir, John Kennedy, Ed Hayes, Kathy Hemsley, Rita Stevens, Tim Gilmour, Joe Ascenzi, Charlie Sobeleski, David Corrigan, Mark of the Grove Park Dog Run

Upcoming Events/Dates

Public review and comment of Zoning Ordinance- Monday, March 13, 2017, 7:00 pm

Next STC Meeting- Rescheduled to the third Wednesday - April 19, 2017

Arbor Day Celebration: Memorial Park, Saturday, April 29, 2017

Opening, News, & Announcements

Rita Opened the meeting:

Thanks to Robert Barker for successful Eagle project at Grove Park

FINANCIAL

Kathy Weir gave a brief summary of STC finances

Review of 2016 Draft Zoning Ordinance

The majority of the March 8th meeting was spent reviewing the 2016 Zoning ordinance that is currently under public review and comment. The STC was involved in contributing to the sections pertaining to street trees, landscaping, etc. during the rewrite process that has been underway now for several years.

The committee went through the Landscaping and other related sections- discussed and collected comments to be forwarded as part of the review process.

PROGRAMS

The 2017 Arbor Day event- to be held at Memorial Park

Planting plans, PR to promote the event and volunteer efforts were reviewed. The 9 bare root trees together with several Norway spruce will make up the tree planting event for the day.

The Memorial Island WWII memorial renovation effort

David provided an update on activity regarding the renovation effort for the memorial.

- He is working on refining cost estimates
- it was determined that bluestone in a wet bed would likely be the preferred hardscaping as it would be very durable and have a long life expectancy
- There are a number of unknown factors at this time that may impact the final design including the setback distance from the curb that is required in order to meet future parking configurations.
- David passed on that it was suggested by Township leadership that this effort should proceed through the Public Affairs process. The STC agreed that this would be the most sensible approach to achieve a long-lasting solution.
- The bare root tree planting for this Arbor Day will proceed and be a great first step to improving this area.

Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary

- Rita announced that she has received the wetlands management recommendations document from Betsy Leppo.
- Rita informed all regarding the efforts underway on C2P2 project:
 - The group discussed the three proposals from the design consultants that were selected to provide a bid for the work. Land Concepts and Alta have made it to the final for the selection of design professional.
- Rita will follow up with the feedback collected regarding proposal details and cost
- No update on Edgehill Tyson project, including plans for landscape design and tree protection during construction

NEPA Scoping Study for the Sandy Run Creek

Rita provided an update on the March 6 site visit by USACE

Other ongoing business

- Troop 48 request for a service project will take place on May 7th at Grove Park
- Old Ford Road treescape - Rita provided all with the proposed tree selection to address the planting needs to replace the trees that were removed when a

homeowner cleared a large number of trees from their property including those on a steep slope that are adjacent to the street.

- It was agreed the limited number and tree type selected were poor. A few alternatives were recommended and Rita will relay this information

6. New business

Rita announced that there was a request made of the STC to consider/assist with an improvement of the street tree scape at Roychester Park. This will be discussed/considered at a future meeting

Ed Hayes informed the group of the recent passing of Bill Riemenschneider a former Abington STC member for a number of years.

Meetings notes: John Kennedy

March 19, 2017