



STC Meeting

Notes

July 12, 2017

7:00 PM Grove Park

Participants:

John Kennedy, Rita Stevens, Tim Gilmour, Joe Ascenzi, Charlie Sobeleski

Guests: Richard Collier, David Cavanaugh of Land Concepts

UPCOMING EVENTS /DATES

- Next STC meeting- Wednesday, August 9
- Woody Plant Conference- Swarthmore- Friday, July 21

DESIGN REVIEW FOR DCNR PROJECT

The Land Concepts team presented their plan developed for the Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary. This plan has evolved from an extensive amount of feedback and a recent site visit by STC members with the LC team.

Discussion included: Dealing with the invasives- consider using lambs to eat Upper Dublin Township has had experience with this as a solution and can share their experiences with us. The cost for this option is both cost effective and environmentally favorable.

- Reviewed various ideas regarding plantings discussed

- The deer exclosure - its use and signage for the project
- Reviewed budget details and process going forward
- Rita will be working to update quote with Township staff and further work on materials purchasing and property title
- Possible timeline discussed with all working to complete Initial submission package to DCNR at the end of July

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

1. Rita reported on an opportunity offered to the STC to receive funds via the CSX Tree Give Away for fall 2017 (\$5000 to give away 150 trees)

STC discussion on this opportunity included:

- To focus on canopy trees
 - plan for mid-October tentatively October 14th
 - utilize opportunity as a PR project
2. Rita brought a new Tree vitalize program to our attention - “Community forestry management program”. This is an opportunity to secure resources for help with the tree ordinance work that is needed
 3. Budget for 2018-2020- draft concepts
STC members should consider budget dollar needs for the 2018 budget

Rita presented a look back and assessment of the past few years of resources, expenses and compared to in-kind resources

ADVISORY

1. Updates

- a. Township parking lot- plan for new trees plans are in progress
- b. 1247 Old Ford Road- proposed landscape plan - no new report

2. New requests

- a. Sunrise Assisted Living property- Guernsey Avenue neighbor concern for the condition of a tree - Rita consulted on this and all parties expressed appreciation for the assistance
- b. Harrison Avenue- Code Enforcement request - Rita responded to a request for a consult and made recommendations for the hiring of an arborist

FALL TREE PLANTING /ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- 1) Residential - planning for tree giveaway (subject to successful grant application) see above
- 2) Bare Root Trees for Old York Road discussed design ideas and priorities. No final decision reached
- 3) Tim reported that some of the memorial island trees from the spring planting] are struggling to survive- consistent watering and water logged soils appear to be an issue. It appears one tree has not made it.
- 4) Again this season damaged water bags from grass gutting efforts have continued to be an issue. Tim was able to 'ring' trees with large rocks thus keeping mowing equipment away.
- 5) There will be an Ash tree (emerald ash borer issue) review on township properties to be undertaken by STC members in August.