



**Whitpain Township
Shade Tree Commission
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**SHADE TREE COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 5 at 5:30 PM

Location: Whitpain Township – Meeting Room B

Members Present: Edgar David, Meredith Joseph, Andrew P. Meehan, David Kopp

Members Not Present: John Casani

Township Liaison: Mike Richino

Minutes: Courtney Miller

Review Minutes of February 5th.

- Minutes approved.

STC Budget

Meredith forwarded the 2018 budget information to the members along with the 2017 numbers to compare.

Free Tree Give Away 2019

All trees have been ordered and 50% of the deposit has been paid. The week of the event, Mike R. will pick up the 3" deer protection. The species of trees being offered will be presented in the April Whitpain Wire.

Whitpain Township Heritage Tree Registry

Edgar and MJ will schedule a meeting with Nicole to discuss promotion of the program. Prior to the meeting, SED and MJ will compile a variety of goals and objectives to help promote the Heritage Tree Registry. MJ suggested the addition of new tree species as well as reaching out to the State Representative, Liz Hanbidge, to endorse the program. The application will be available on the Township website.

Free Street Tree Planting Program

The goal for this year's program is to plant at least 20 trees. John C. is currently contacting contractors and forwarding the updated contract.

Turnpike Corridor Restoration

Site 1: MR had an on-site meeting with Eagleville Fencing, and they will provide him with a quote before the next meeting. Public Works will remove the old fencing and Eagleville will reinstall at the new location. The project has officially been awarded the \$50,000 grant from Keystone Communities Program. MR will work on creating the scope of work before reaching out to contractors.

Site 2: The Morris Arboretum plan has been completed. SED will meet with the Turnpike Commission to discuss moving forward.

Township Parks and Open Space

The Erbs Mill Park plan was presented at the last Parks and Open Space meeting.

The installation of accessible playgrounds at Center Square Park was presented and approved at the previous Parks and Open Space meeting. SED proposed creating a planting plan, but the members decided it would be best to defer until later in the year.

WRA proposed the installation of two turf fields at Center Square Park and will again present at the next Board of Supervisors meeting where a final decision will be made.

SED shared a reforestation plan organized by the Township's Engineering department at Wentz Run Park. The proposal would allow the planting of approximately 200 trees.

STC Portal on the Township Website

All changes requested at the last meeting were made on the website.

STC Education and Outreach

MJ will be meeting with the principal of Stony Creek Elementary School to discuss placement of the memorial tree. AM & MJ will coordinate planting.

April 11 will be the Earth Day celebration. Poems written by elementary school students were submitted and they were split up between the members to judge.

Whitpain Wire Schedule 2019

SED will follow up with Dave Mrochko to confirm the Whitpain Wire schedule.

March: Arbor Day Free Tree Give Away, [link to plants](#)

March: Free Street Tree program, [link to application](#)

April: Arbor Day Free Tree Give Away, [link to available plants](#)

May: Turnpike Restoration information

Deer Management for Canopy Health

MR explored the deer management programs already in place in Abington and Upper Dublin Townships. SED will reach out to Police Chief Ken Lawson to discuss moving forward.

Open Floor

MR shared that the STC received the Tree City USA award.

2019 Meeting Schedule

April 2

May 7

June 4

July: No Meeting

August: No Meeting

September 3

October 1

November: No Meeting

December 3