



**SHADE TREE COMMISSION**  
**May 4, 2022**  
**MINUTES**

**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 5:30 pm

Location: ZOOM Conference or Township Meeting Room

Members Present: Edgar David, Andrew P. Meehan, and John Casani

Alternate Members: Mark Eberle, Timothy Knowles and Nilza Lozado

Board of Supervisors Liaison: Joyce Keller

Township Liaison: Mike Richino

Minutes: Angela Caramenico

In the absence of Celia Cameron and Vince Marrocco, Mark Eberle and Tim Knowles acted as voting members.

Mike noted that Celia Cameron has resigned from the STC. He explained the process to fill that position is that one of the alternates will become a full-time member and then a new alternate will be appointed.

**Review of Agenda**

No comments on the agenda

**Review Minutes of April 6, 2022**

It was moved by Mark Eberle, seconded by Andrew Meehan, all voting “Aye”, to approve the April 6, 2022, Shade Tree Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion passed.

**Earth Day Events**

No updates to report.

**2022 FREE Tree Give Away (Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>)**

Edgar thanked everyone for their participation. All agreed it was a positive event and very organized.

Nilza recommended contacting the Wissahickon School District for volunteers and Mike will reach out to them for next year.

Mark suggested adding 50 more plants and all concurred. Edgar will put this in the budget for next year.

Mark noted there was some confusion with people who have multiple residences trying to get additional trees. It was Mike’s recommendation that if someone owns multiple properties, they should get the 3 trees first, then go to the back of the line and get three more trees if available.

Nilza commented that some people arrived much earlier than the start time. She suggested that a chalk line be drawn the night before indicating where the line will form. Mike will address this for next year’s event.

Nilza took several pictures, and she will email them to Mike.

**Free Street Tree Planting Program**

John advised there were 12 requests, and all were fulfilled. Nilza suggested having applications available at the Free Give Away event. Supervisor Keller recommended a random drawing where 3-5 people would win an installed street tree. Mike suggested having a booth at the Community Festival which is scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup> where residents are entered into a drawing for an installed tree upon sign up for other programs. Mike added that the STC could budget an extra \$1,000 every year going forward for STC promotions. The STC concurred with the recommendations.

Mike noted that the new application is on the website. There was a brief discussion about marketing this program, which is primarily through the Wire. Supervisor Keller will speak with Dave Mrochko about putting this on the front page of the website.

### **Whitpain Township Heritage Tree Program**

Tim will create a list from the information that is currently on the website and Mike will keep the information on the website until the new list is created.

Mark questioned the maintenance of the heritage trees, and Edgar explained that an arborist will look at the trees periodically. Edgar added that the language in the tree ordinance is different than the language in the registry. In Saldo, all trees over 24 inches are considered a heritage tree and protected which differs from the heritage terminology. Nilza offered to try and do a photo journal of the heritage trees.

### **Township Parks**

Centre Square: Tree Planting Design Proposal from Morris Arboretum – No Update currently.

Document Township properties for potential planting sites: Mark Eberle

- 1) Mark will schedule a meeting with Kurt to see Prophecy.
- 2) Mark will meet with Edgar to look at Armentrout
- 3) Edgar will update the map for Prophecy.
- 4) John asked about Erbs Mill Park and Mike explained that a planting plan can be done after the trail goes in hopefully some time in the fall. John noted the positive feedback from residents. One negative noted was the white picket fence. Mike explained the fence is needed because of the intended age of the kids.

### **Whitpain Township Canopy Restoration**

Mark and Edgar are preparing a maintenance narrative for reforestation projects and Edgar will send it to the STC for their review and comments.

### **Tree Ordinance**

No update currently. Mike will work on scheduling the next meeting.

### **Whitpain Wire Topics for 2022**

- Free Street Planting Program in May
- Tree Care Topics in June

### **Open Floor**

Mike commented on the following:

- He officially received a letter from the Arbor Day Foundation acknowledging that Whitpain Township was awarded the Tree City and Growth Award for 2021.
- He also noted that he received a card from Jim Turner, a resident on Narcissa Road, thanking the STC and the Township for their assistance with replacing his tree that was lost in the storm.
- Mike referred to the Eagle Scout project at Wentz run park by tot lot and noted there is small memorial to emergency services with two benches made from the champion hickory tree

John suggested adding the Fall Festival to the June 15<sup>th</sup> agenda.

### **STC Future Meeting Schedule for 2022**

**All meetings will be the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm.**

**The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, June 15, 2022**

**2022**

June 15th

July (NO MEETING)

August (NO MEETING)

September 7<sup>th</sup>

October 5<sup>th</sup>

November (NO MEETING)

December 7<sup>th</sup>

**Adjournment:**

By a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm