



Haverford
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PUBLIC NOTICE
HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP
Shade Tree Commission

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Shade Tree Commission will hold a virtual public meeting on Monday, May 24, 2021 at 7:30 PM.

The meeting will be hosted through Zoom. If you would like to view the meeting or submit a question to the Shade Tree Commission, please email Mark Pennington – Chariman – at msp1960@gmail.com. For those who want to attend virtually a zoom link will be emailed to them.

Haverford Township Shade Tree Commission

Minutes of Monday, May 24, 2021

Meeting took place via ZOOM.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair, Mark Pennington.

Committee Attendees: Pano Kalogeropoulos (potential new member), Paul Davit, Andrew Mink, Doreen Alvarez Saar, James Stephens

Absent: Ryan Herlinger; Joe Celia

Public Attendees: Phil Pio, owner of 3104 Darby Road

1. Minutes of the April meeting were approved.
2. Ryan Herlinger has not attended a meeting of the STC in over a year. He is no longer considered a member.
3. The discussion with Phil Pio, new owner of 3104 Darby Road, was opened at this meeting. Pio submitted houses drawings for his property. There was a discussion of the drawings: members noted concerns. This was not a formal submission; species were not identified; that all ash trees are not counted in the replacement count; species should favor native trees. There was some general discussion, Pio said that there was no landscaping plan yet; he was submitting only the master plan for the property. Pennington noted that the property was subject to what had been approved by the Commission for the property and that Committee approval for changes was needed. There was particular concern about the 36" catalpa. Members of the Committee agreed to go with Pio to examine the trees on the property.
4. Pano Kalogeropoulos was introduced as a potential new member. He lives on Brookline Boulevard. He was inspired to join by the fact that the Township appears to be taking down trees while the Township needs more trees. He was particularly concerned about the taking down of trees in the median strips.
5. Mark updated the Committee on the status of the revision of the Shade Tree portion of the Haverford Municipal Code. The revision is under final review by the Township.
6. Tree City application was discussed. There is one more element for completion: Joe Celia has not gotten back to Paul with one document -the annual work plan- which has to be filled with the state. David Burman will electronically sign.
7. The Saturday, May 1 Tree Give-away was a great success. On that day, Commission members gave 100 trees to Township residents There were only four unclaimed trees which were given away to other residents. Given our experience on May 1, the time for the giveaway could be further condensed. We are considering a Fall giveaway. There appears to be 2900 dollars in our budget. The Commission is considering an oak trees only giveaway.

8. The Committee wanted to continue meeting by ZOOM and having the public join in 15 minutes late to allow time for housekeeping matters.

9. Having watched cranes taking down 150-foot trees, Jim expressed his concern. He will draft an article for the HavaTimes on the need for tree preservation. Pano noted that the worst playgrounds (Paddock Park) are those without trees because they are unusable in the summer

Meeting ended at 8:30 pm

Next meeting is Monday, June 28 at 7:30 via ZOOM. .

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen Alvarez Saar, secretary