

# Haverford Township Shade Tree Commission

Minutes of Monday, April 24, 2017

Meeting took place at the Township Municipal Building  
Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair David Schneck

Haverford Township Attendees: Paul Davit, Joe Rastatter Doreen Saar , David Schneck

Absent: Joseph Ceila , Paul Orner

The Commission discussed revision to the Shade Tree Commission article prepared by Paul for the *Commissioners' Newsletter*. After extensive discussion, Doreen volunteered to compile the edits and send it to everyone before the deadline of April 25.

The Commission discussed the inadequacy of the Tree Protection Zone for two oak trees at the new Municipal Building Site, including the problems with car parking. This issue raised the question of increasing the Tree Protection Zone so that developers will understand that this is important for tree health. We should make this change a priority and let developers know.

The Commission discussed moving forward on Ordinance change and packaging all the ordinances together. In addition, Chris Connell should be invited to a meeting to discuss the possible changes.

Members will look into ordinances in other Townships;  
Springfield- Dave;  
Lower Merion- Paul;  
Upper Darby – Joe;  
Marple-Newtown- Doreen

The next meeting will be May 22, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doreen Alvarez Saar

# Haverford Township Shade Tree Commission

Minutes of Monday, May 22, 2017

Meeting took place at the Township Municipal Building  
Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair David Schneck

Haverford Township Committee Attendees: Joseph Ceila ( for the Township) , Paul Davit, Joe Rastatter, Doreen Saar , David Schneck

Absent: Paul Orner

Haverford Township Residents: Kent and Staci Doss

- 1) The Commission will review the list of recommended trees.
- 2) The members discussed the proposed plan for the Doss residence at 227 Oxford Road, Havertown 19083. The statute requires five street trees at 2.5” or 12.5 inches and 39.5 inches of replacement for a total of 52” of replacement trees. The replacement number counts the 27 inches of pine that is healthy. At present, the submitted plan has 22 inches of replacement trees. The applicants decided to rethink their decision and resubmit a new plan. They were urged to consider native species (such as swamp white oak) for replacement and to replace the columnar white pine with another canopy species.
- 3) Approved the April 2017 minutes.
- 4) Discussed email from resident who wished to have the Township cut down existing street trees so that the resident could replace the existing street trees. Joe Celia said that cutting down healthy street trees was not a Township policy.
- 5) Reviewed ordinances from other townships. In Springfield, Dave found nothing; in Lower Merion, Paul found little relevant; in Upper Darby, Joe is waiting for a response from the Shade Tree as is Doreen in Marple-Newtown.

The next meeting will be June 26, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen Alvarez Saar

# Haverford Township Shade Tree Commission

Minutes of Monday, June 26, 2017

Meeting took place at the Township Municipal Building  
Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair David Schneck

Committee Attendees: Paul Davit, Doreen Saar, David Schneck

Absent: Paul Orner, Joseph Ceila (for the Township), Joe Rastatter

- 1) The Commission approved the May minutes.
- 2) The members discussed the Township status for Tree City USA.  
In 2015, the application was incomplete (no documentation of township budget numbers was submitted)  
In 2016, no application was submitted.  
The deadline for 2017 is December 31<sup>st</sup>.  
This information will be sent to Joe Celia.
- 3) Discussed putting together a tree list from University of Delaware, PHS and Lower Merion and using the tree list that Joe Celia has.
- 4) The Newsletter will be coming out soon. We should submit some hints about tree issues (such as pin oak scorch).
- 5) We need information about the number of trees taken down by the Township, the number replaced (and the budget for replacement) and develop a ratio of total trees lost. David will talk to Joe Celia and Joe Dougherty , the Director of Public Works about these issues.

The next meeting will be July 24, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doreen Alvarez Saar

# Haverford Township Shade Tree Commission

Minutes of Monday, July 24, 2017

Meeting took place at the Township Municipal Building  
Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair David Schneck

Committee Attendees: Paul Davit, Joe Rastatter Doreen Saar, David Schneck,  
Joseph Ceila for the Township ( to open door)

Absent: Paul Orner

The Commission discussed the Emerald Ash Borer problem. Reviewed methods of treatment which are very successful in the right circumstances. If the affected trees are not treated well and early, the trees will become brittle and it is dangerous to take them down. We discussed whether the Township would undertake the cost of treatment or preemptorily removes all ash trees.

We further discussed actions we might take: teach people to identify ash trees so they would be aware that they had some on their property; look at the plans being undertaken in neighboring townships, suggest that the township undertake Township wide tree inventory, present the problem at a Commissioners' meeting to raise awareness.

David Schneck thought that it was essential to present the issue before the Board of Commissioners as soon as possible. All of the members agreed with this suggestion and David said he would contact the Commissioners in hope of presenting the problem at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be September 24, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doreen Alvarez Saar

# Haverford Township Shade Tree Commission

## Minutes of Monday, September 25, 2017

Meeting took place at the Township Municipal Building  
Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair David Schneck

Committee Attendees: Paul Davit, Joe Rastatter, Doreen Alvarez Saar, David Schneck, Joseph Ceila for the Township.

Absent: Paul Orner

Others: Vince D' Annunzio

The minutes for June 26, 2017 and July 24, 2017 were approved with the change of September 25 for the date of this meeting.

Two sets of plans came before the Commission.

- 1) Vince D' Annunzio of Vintage Development Co. presented plans for 27 Tunbridge Road. The members reviewed the plans and concluded that based on Haverford Township requirements that of the required number of trees, there would be six planted of 3" in circumference and half of these trees would be large species and native. A plan for the positioning of the trees on the plot would be sent to Joe Celia for review.
- 2) The members reviewed the plans for 170 Golf House Road and concluded that based on Haverford Township requirements that 39" of replacement trees would be required. These should be large species, native trees.

The next meeting will be October 23, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen Alvarez Saar

# Haverford Township Shade Tree Commission

Minutes of Monday, October 23, 2017

Meeting took place at the Township Municipal Building  
Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair David Schneck

Committee Attendees: Paul Davit, David Schneck

Absent: Joe Rastatter, Doreen Alvarez Saar, Paul Orner

The minutes for September 25, 2017 were approved. After that meeting Joe Celia received confirmation from the developer of the Golf House Road property that the Commission's recommendations would be followed.

There were no plans to review but several items were discussed:

1. Emerald Ash Borer fliers will be distributed to the CREC by Paul Davit and to the Library by David Schneck. Additional information will be included in the Commissioners Newsletter for Spring 2018.
2. David Schneck will follow up with Joe Celia regarding finalizing 2017 Tree City USA application and send contact information of PA DCNR representative.
3. Paul Davit reviewed his discussion with Joe Celia regarding the trees cut down on the property at Darby and Coopertown roads. Joe will confirm if they are street trees and whether PECO cut them down as part of overhead line replacement.
4. David Schneck mentioned that Havertown Tree Tenders have scheduled tree planting for November 18 & 19.

The next meeting will be November 27, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Davit

# Haverford Township Shade Tree Commission

Minutes of Monday, November 27, 2017

Meeting took place at the Township Municipal Building  
Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair David Schneck

Committee Attendees: Paul Davit, Joe Rastatter, David Schneck, Joseph Ceila for the Township.

Absent: Paul Orner, Doreen Alvarez Saar

Others: Operations staff from Merion Golf Club, including Paul Latshaw, Director of Golf Course Operations and Steve Shreiner from Shreiner Tree Care.

The team from Merion Golf Club informed the Board about their plans to shut down the East course for 18 months for renovations. These renovations will require the removal of multiple trees for the purpose of improving sunlight on their putting greens.

The Shade Tree Commission has had a good working relationship with Merion Golf Club in past. The Shade Tree Board gave approval to the Club to proceed with their renovation plans provided the Club return in the Spring. In the Spring, the Shade Tree Board is expecting a more comprehensive plan that will detail trees to be removed as well as their plans to replace them.

The next meeting will be January 22, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Rastatter