

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
SHADE TREE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 28, 2019**

The Springfield Township Shade Tree Commission met in a regular monthly meeting at 7:00 PM. via the Zoom Virtual Conferencing Program. Present at the meeting were: Mrs. Breen, Chair, Ms. Ponce, Vice-Chair, Mr. Ferguson, and Mr. Bell. Commissioner Liaison Mr. Lee and staff liaison Mr. Ford were also present.

Shade Tree Commission member Mr. Pryzblinski was absent.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion made and the minutes for the April 23, 2020 meeting of the Shade Tree Commission were approved by unanimous consent.

Commissioner and Township Update

Mssrs. Lee and Ford provided the Commission with an update on Township activities including COVID-19 related measures and the extended tax deadlines.

Old Business

SPOTTED LANTERNFLY

Ms. Ponce brought up the possibility of treating Township parks, most notably Wyndhill Park in Wyndmoor, for spotted lanternflies. The issue of manpower and equipment needs were raised along with the cost of the service. Ms. Ponce informed the Commission that the cost of treatment would be offset if the Township purchased the chemical applicator rather than rent it or contract the service.

The Commission agreed to have Ms. Ponce forward the contact information to the Arborist that she had been in contact with to Township staff.

OAK ALLEY UPKEEP

Mr. Ford reported that he had been in contact with other members of Township staff to ensure the upkeep of the Oak Alley at Wyndhill Park.

New Business

TREE REMOVAL/REPLACEMENT REGULATIONS

Commissioner Lee introduced an issue that a resident shared with him regarding the excessive removal of street trees near Mermaid Lane. Examples of sample permits and ordinances submitted by the resident was shared with the Commission and the adoption of new regulations was discussed.

The Commission decided to not take action on the issue at this time in light of property rights concerns. Mr. Ford will research less restrictive regulations that the Commission can discuss at a later meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Ford shared that Springfield Township received confirmation that its 2019 Tree City application was approved by the Arbor Day Foundation. He also shared that 2020 will mark the Township's 15th year as a Tree City USA community. As an added measure, the Commission agreed to pursue a Growth Award to hallmark its 15th Anniversary.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandon Ford
Assistant to the Township Manager