

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
October 27, 2022**

The Springfield Township Shade Tree Commission met for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting at 7:00 PM in the Free Library of Springfield Township, located at 8900 Hawthorne Lane in Wyndmoor, PA.

Present at the meeting were: Ms. Corley, Mr. Bell, Ms. Breen, Ms. Ponce, and Mr. Pryzblinski with Ms. Corley presiding as the Commission Chair. Assistant Twp. Manager Ford and Commissioner Maxwell were also present.

**Approval of the Minutes**

A motion was made by Ms. Corley and seconded by Mr. Pryzblinski and Mr. Bell to approve the minutes for the following meetings: September 22, 2022. **All in favor. Motion passes.**

**Landscaping Plan Review:** None.

**Old Business:**

Shade Tree Alternate Positions – the Commission and Township representatives discussed the appointment of two alternate positions to the Shade Tree Commissions. The Township received two applications and the Board of Commissioners is expected to appoint the alternates at their November 2022 meeting.

Tree Tender Partnership – the Commission discussed future partnership opportunities with the newly formed Springfield Township Tree Tender Group, which is a group of volunteers that operates separate and independent from the Township and the Shade Tree Commission. The consensus was to focus Commission efforts on Arbor Day and the planting of native trees on public property while the Tree Tenders concentrates on planting on private property.

**New Business:**

Shade Tree Mission Statement – the Commission continued a conversation started at their September 2022 meeting regarding the need to change their mission statement to reflect their true scope of duties and responsibilities. It was noted by several members that the mission limits the Commission's intent to beautification and makes no mention to the importance of the community's tree canopy or the impact of trees on climate change. Mr. Ford clarified that the Commission's mission statement is embodied and codified by ordinance in the Township Code. Any changes to the statement would necessitate advertisement and adoption to change the code by the Township Board of Commissioners. Chair Corley was asked by Mr. Bell to include a review and further discussion on the duties of the Commission at the January 2023 meeting.

Shade Tree 2023 Goals – the Commission discussed preliminary ideas on planning their 2023 calendar. The suggestion was made and supported by the entire Commission to postpone the 2023 planning meeting until the January 2023 meeting so that the two new alternate members would be able to participate in the conversation.

**Adjournment**

With no other business, a motion was raised and seconded to adjourn the meeting.  
The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brandon Ford  
Assistant Township Manager  
Springfield Township, Montco.