

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
SHADE TREE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 27, 2019**

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

Ms. Cross of the Springfield Township Environmental Advisory Commission partook in the meeting to facilitate the partnership between Shade Tree and the EAC for Arbor Day.

Commission member Mr. Ferguson was absent.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion made and the minutes for the January 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:

The Township had entered into an Energy Consulting Services Agreement w/ Practical Energy Solutions for continual monitoring of energy consumption.

The Board of Commissioners were conducting Township Solicitor Interviews.

The Township's NEW Year-Long Curbside Leaf Waste Collection Program started its special collection week for February this week. The program will start regularly with weekly curbside leaf waste pickup in late March.

The Township has been designated a gold community through the PA Sustainable Community Certification.

Springfield Twp.'s NEW WEBSITE is coming. It will include a fresh new look and enhanced features.

Old Business

ARBOR DAY

The Commission discussed the upcoming partnership with the EAC for a larger Arbor/Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 25, 2020.

The Commission decided on obtaining 30 trees to give out to the public consisting of a mix of Redbuds, White Swamp Oaks, and River Birch, White Dogwood, and Sweetbay Magnolia.

The official tree for the Township would be a larger white swamp oak. The choice was predicated on the fact that the White Oak is the official Township Tree and featured on the Township seal.

The Commission then discussed the possibility of dedicating the official tree to former Commissioner Schaum or former Township Manager Berger. The decision was made that the tree would be dedicated in memoriam. The Commission also expressed an interest in meeting at 6:00 for their March meeting in order to tour the Township campus and discussed possible locations

TREE DEDICATION PROGRAM

A tree and bench dedication program in partnership with the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Department was discussed. The Commission asked Mr. Ford to research similar programs and provide examples of how such programs work in other communities for the April meeting.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandon Ford
Assistant to the Township Manager