

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
September 23, 2021**

The Springfield Township Shade Tree Commission met for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting at 7:00 PM in the Springfield Township building located at 1510 Paper Mill Road in Wyndmoor, PA.

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

**Approval of the Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the following meetings:

- August 26, 2021

All in favor. Motion passes.

**Landscaping Plan Review**

There were no submitted plans for the Commission to review.

**Old Business**

**COMMUNITY DAY (Sunday Oct, 3, 2021)**

The Commission discussed planning details for its involvement in the Annual Springfield Township Community Day at Cisco Park. Arrangements were made by Mr. Ford to acquire a table and purchase thirty (30) trees from Primex in Glenside to give out for free to pre-registered households in the Township. The tree species include serviceberry, sweetbay magnolia, bald cypress, and red oak.

Ms. Corley is managing the registration for the trees and will be reaching out to those households receiving one to explain pickup details and instructions. Ms. Corley will also coordinate with Public Works for the pickup of the trees from Primex and delivery to Cisco Park for the event.

Mr. Ford will be printing out additional informational brochures on the benefits of trees.

**SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE**

Upon the request of Mr. Bell, the Commission revisited their recommendation to the Planning Commission for the revised landscaping standards of the forthcoming update to the Township subdivision and land development ordinance (SALDO). The suggestion was made to recommend the removal of the tree credit section from the updated SALDO and strengthen the protections for existing mature trees and/or reinforce the tree replacement section.

The idea of conducting a community-wide urban tree canopy study was briefly introduced, but no action or next steps were discussed.

### **New Business**

Mr. Bell suggested that the Township improve its record management system to include unique identification coding with revision dates and/or effective dates that would allow employees and the general public to more easily identify the most recent (and up to date) documents from the Township.

Ms. Corley shared an email from Ms. Cecilia Dougherty of Flourtown expressing Ms. Dougherty's concern over the Commission's perceived lack of outreach to the community regarding tree matters in the Township. The Commission members suggested inviting Ms. Dougherty to a future meeting or inquiring if she could stop by the Shade Tree Commission's table at Community Day to discuss her ideas.

The suggestion was made to explore means by which to reinvigorate the local Tree Tenders group. One idea was to offer a reimbursement for community members to attend the official Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Tree Tenders course in 2022.

### **Township Update**

Cmsr. Lee and Mr. Ford provided an update on Township activities, including the annual paving schedule for 2021, the pending installation of temporary lines to facilitate the use of the court at Wyndhill Park for Pickleball, the results of the police survey, the construction of a trail/sidewalk along 1011 Church Rd. in Oreland, and the honoring of three past Township officials at the last Commissioner's meeting.

### **Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandon Ford  
Assistant Township Manager  
Springfield Township, Montco.