

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 22, 2025**

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: Messrs. Bell, Schwartz and Johnson. Commissioner McNamara and Assistant Township Manager Lloyd was in attendance. Mr. Kowalski, Ms. Ponce & Ms. Breen were absent. Residents BJ Bear, and Craig Hinton were also present.

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes for March 27th meeting was approved.

Tree Donation Requests

Mr. Lloyd reported that all donation trees (new and replacements) have been planted. An honor tree request was received in April in Honor of Kate Notte. Mr. Lloyd added this cornus-florida to the order we placed with Tree Authority. It was planted in Cisco Park by the STC.

Landscape Plan Reviews

None

Old/New Business:

Member Update 2025

Commissioner McNamara informed the group that Ms. Ponce would like to remain a member of the STC; however, she no longer wishes to be the Chairperson. Jared Schwartz agreed to be the Chairperson. With the retirement of Tom Pryzblinski, a full member opening is available. Matthew Johnson expressed a desire to fill the roll. Mr. Lloyd will reach out to Mr. Kowalski to see if he would be interested in filling in the role prior to any recommendations being made to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Bell advised the STC that he will stepping down once the first park enhancement planting is completed this fall.

Arbor Day 2025

Arbor Day activities went well and at the end of the program there was only one raffle tree that had not been picked up. It was picked up the following week from the Township building.

Commissioner Update

Mr. Lloyd provided a commissioner update.

Park Tree Evaluation

Chairamonte Park was the first park the STC decided to start with to add more trees too. Mr. Lloyd looked at the site on the Township's GIS program and found that there a number of storm water conveyances and a sanitary sewer main on the property. If any work on the systems were to occur in the future it could be detrimental to any plantings. Sandy Run Park is next selected

location a visit is scheduled for June 13, 2025 at 9 a.m.. Craig Hinson will be reaching out to the EAC to see if there is any interest from them in participating.
The tentative planting date is October 11, 2025

Tree Supplier

The group was satisfied with the trees procured from Tree Authority and the pricing.

Expand the Native Tree Selection List

The group will begin to expand the species list for the Donation Tree program.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Lloyd
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