

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 26, 2026**

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. Breen, Messrs. Schwartz, Bell, Johnson and Hinton. Mr. Kowalski & Ms. Ponce & Bear were absent. Commissioner Kirk and Assistant Township Manager Lloyd were in attendance. Guests included Joy Bergey.

Commissioner Kirk re-introduced himself to the group due to Mr. Schwartz not attending January meeting.

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes for January 22, 2026 & November 19, 2025, meetings.

Update on Donation Tree

On February 24, 2026, Mr. Lloyd received a Tree Donation to honor late Township resident Clyde Engle. The STC will select the species to be used when they select the 2026 Arbor Day trees.

Landscape Plan Reviews

None

Old/New Business:

Parks Tree Assessment update: It was decided to plant 4 trees at Veterans Park as a buffer to the newer mixed-use building's parking lot just west of the monument. The selection of these trees is to take place when selecting the Arbor Day trees.

2025 Tree City Application update – Pending Arbor Day Foundation Review

J. Schartz's update on his training at Morris Arboretum - to be deferred to next meeting.

Proposed Mini-Arboretum at Mermaid Park update – deferred to next upon return of Commissioner McNamara who was the point person.

Mr. Lloyd did inform the STC that he will be attending a walkthrough at the park with P&R staff when they meet next week with members of Community Canopy Project that are looking to proceed with a planting project. More information to follow.

Plans for 2026

A visit to the Tree Authority is scheduled for Sunday, March 8, 2026, to select 2026 giveaway trees for Arbor Day time frame delivery.

Mr. Hinton presented a draft plan for Springfield Township "Love Our Parks" Spring Work Days. He will present the draft plan to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee at their Wednesday, March 4th meeting.

Commissioner Update

Mr. Kirk provided a commissioner update.

Next meeting is March 26, 2026.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Lloyd
Assistant Township Manager