



**WHITPAIN TOWNSHIP
SHADE TREE COMMISSION
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
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**SHADE TREE COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Meeting Date: **Tuesday April 3rd, 2018, 5:30 PM**

Location: **Whitpain Township Administration Building**

Members: **Present: Edgar David, David Kopp, John Casani, Meredith Joseph and Andrew P. Meehan,**

Township Liaison: **Mike Richino**

Approve Minutes of March 6th Meeting with noted change of dates.

Whitpain Wire Schedule 2018

May: Tree Give Away Feedback, send questionnaire, SED to send to DM

May: FREE STREET TREE Program

June: Heritage Tree Program, MJ

August: Deer Rub Protection

September: Heritage Tree Registry, MJ

STC Budget

MJ will send out budget.

Earth Day Celebration

All went well. Many positive comments.

Great work Education Outreach team.

Add select winners to STC website

2018 Tree Give Away

Review comments:

Create better cattle shoot at entrance area to direct people to entrance table for proper check in and STC material review.

Increase deer protection +100 and only 3 inch.

Limit plant order to 450

Allow only one flowering tree per household

Direct all deliveries to back parking lot.

Whitpain Township Heritage Tree Registry

Mike R. to price web site template for heritage tree registry.

Free Street Tree Planting Program

Mike R confirmed Street Tree planting allowance can cover 30 street tree plantings for 2018

Only 6 Street Tree applications as of the April 3rd Mtg.

JC will install deer protection in the early fall which will also allow for STC inspection.

Whitpain Township Tree Canopy Study

SED reviewing with DVRPC to obtain comparable 2015 data.

David K recommended a looking forward plan/outlook regarding Whitpain's future canopy.

Turnpike Corridor Study

SED reported the Morris Arboretum plan should be completed in about two weeks.

SED will forward plan to the Township for review when complete and then to the Turnpike Commission depending on Township review.

A nice goal is to prepare Jolly Road site in the Fall of 2018 follow with a Spring 2019 planting.

Township Parks and Open Space

Mike R provided SED with As Built drawings for CSP representing auto cad files that will be available to our consultant for preparing a planting plan proposal for CSP.

SED will solicit Morris Arboretum for CSP planting plan proposal.

JC will measure and locate existing plants and site improvements at EMP and add to base plan.

STC Portal on the Township Website

MR will update STC portal incorporating recent comments from March.

Ordinance Reviewfrom

SED review of building ordinance regarding suggestions for tree replacement with building permit.

STC Continuing Education

Mike R approved SED attendance at Shade Tree Conference in Pittsburg May 23 and 24

Open Floor

WRA is looking for the STC to assist with plants and planting around new building at CSP. STC discussed, voted and agreed to provide a large White Oak, the symbol of Whitpain, as a tree of significance and also to develop a longer term planting plan for the CSP, once funding is approved, for the planning which will include additional plantings layout in a thoughtful manor in the area of the building.

John Cassani will look into acquiring a white oak at this time of year. SED expressed a need to have significantly more lead time on any assistance with recommendations and/or plantings assisted by the STC. This time of year, when plants are just starting to push growth, is the worst time of year to dig oaks. Plantings should be thought of in the early building planning stages not as a last minute expectation.

2018 Meeting Schedule, all meeting will be at 5:30 pm

June 5th

July: No Meeting

August: No Meeting

September 4th

October 2nd.

November: No Meeting

December 6th