

## Hanover Township Shade Tree Advisory Board

The monthly meeting of the Shade Tree Advisory Board was held at the Hanover Township Municipal Building, 3630 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017, on Monday, November 30, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

In attendance were Blair Bates, Jane Cook and Joan Witiak.

1. The minutes of the October 26, 2020, meeting were approved after a motion by Blair Bates, seconded by Joan Witiak.
2. Park Tree Planting: Erik Josephson planted 14 trees in the Township parks on November 12 and 13. He also checked on a damaged tree behind the tennis courts and another one in that area—both large Norway maples. He recommended that both be removed to avoid damage if they fall. He would like to be contacted in January if we want bids for tree plantings in the spring of 2021.
3. Park Tree Pruning and Maintenance: Joan contacted Belles to get an estimate on pruning the Zelkova trees at Troxell Park. They noted that several trees also needed air spading because of the condition of their root systems. They noted that what is underground is more important than what is above ground. She will also get an estimate from other arborists. The zelkovas and red maple trees along Southland Dr. by Crawford Park are also in need of the same attention. When trees are planted incorrectly and not maintained for years, the correction becomes very expensive.
4. Shade Tree List: The Township tree list is due for revision. Jane will contact the Bethlehem city forester to see if they have a current list of recommended street trees for our review.
5. New Members: There are two vacancies on the Board. Four candidates are being reviewed by the Board of Supervisors for consideration. The Board of Supervisors will make their decision in December. The candidates are Mary Kay Brezinsky, Bill Glose, Mary Ellen O'Connell, and Gamini Vedage. The Shade Tree Board noted that, in the future, we should be informed of new Applicants and set up interviews.
6. Review Jaindl Land Co. Proposed Commercial Development 90 Highland Avenue: There were several issues with regard to the street trees along Rt. 512. Also, it was difficult to determine which trees are being removed from the Existing Conditions sheet. Clarification was requested.  
  
Review Advanced Health Care: The interior of the site is being clear cut. The developer is asking for a waiver to replace only certain trees instead of all trees being removed. We recommend denying the waiver request as it has no basis. According to our Ordinance, any tree removed greater than 4" in diameter must be replaced.

7. Old/New business: None

The next meeting is scheduled for a date in early January, as yet to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Cook