

Hanover Township Shade Tree Advisory Board

The monthly meeting of the Shade Tree Advisory Board was held at the Municipal Park Pavilion on Monday, March 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

In attendance were Blair Bates, Mary Kay Brezinsky, Jane Cook, Bill Glose, Mary Ellen O'Connell, Gamini Vedage and Joan Witiak.

1. The minutes of the February 22, 2021, meeting were approved after a motion by Gamini, seconded by Bill.
2. Spring Park Tree Planting: Erik Josephson planted half of the trees today, with the remaining trees to be planted this week. Mary Ellen and Joan marked the planting locations last Monday. Vince Melite approved the locations for more trees to allow for next fall's planting schedule.
3. Shade Tree List: Joan will be sending out a tree list for the larger trees, and a separate one for medium and small trees (for under power lines or other restricted-height areas). Crabapple and dogwood will not be included as street trees, but they may be on the general list of lawn/park trees.
4. Missing Street Trees: Yvonne Kutz, the Zoning Officer, sent Joan two spreadsheets of addresses she is working on to identify street trees that need to be replaced. We can then add other missing trees to this master list as we locate them throughout the township.
5. Old/New Business: Maintenance--Susan Lawless suggested that we determine the cost to remove and replace failing trees, compared to the cost of correcting root issues and pruning. Mary Ellen suggested that we also include environmental concerns about losing established trees and the effect it would have on climate change. She will look into some arbor organizations to determine if that research has already been done. Blair reminded us of the positive effect that mature, healthy trees have on home real estate values. Susan also suggested setting up a multi-year maintenance program to address park tree issues early. Erik Josephson let Joan know that some park trees are being damaged by deer rub. He will supply trunk guards for the trees just planted and suggested we purchase more to prevent damage to trees previously planted. The cost is about \$5 each and we could consider using the Tree Fund money to pay for them.
6. With no new plans to review, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm.

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 26, 2021, at 6 p.m., with the location to be decided prior to that date.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Cook