

Hanover Township Shade Tree Advisory Board

The monthly meeting of the Shade Tree Advisory Board was held at the Municipal Park Pavilion on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

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

1. The minutes of the March 29, 2021, meeting were approved after a motion by Blair, seconded by Gamini.
2. Spring Park Tree Planting: Bill wanted to plant a tree in a park as a memorial for a young man who died. Jay approved that and also approved planting an additional oak tree.
3. Shade Tree List: Bill consolidated the list of small and medium-sized trees from five other municipalities. Joan will submit the final list to the Board of Supervisors for their approval at the next meeting.
4. Missing Street Trees: There are still many missing street trees throughout the township, but we need more time to identify them. We will probably take specific sections of the township and submit the addresses that have a missing street tree to the Zoning Office.
5. Park Tree Maintenance: First Responders Park has many trees that need to be air-spaded since they were planted too deeply. Others need it, too, and they are about 20 years old. Discussion focused on the best source of funds to take care of this maintenance.
6. Review:
 - Muller Martini Corp. Building Expansion: These are preliminary plans and do not include enough details to be reviewed at this time.
 - 6292 Hanoverville Rd Subdivision: This location is being divided into two parcels, one in Hanover Township (Farmhouse Village) and one in East Allen Township
 - Farmhouse Village Hanover: There are not enough varieties of tree species in these plans. The removed trees are not shown. No red maples are allowed, but they are prevalent on the plans. There is a heavily wooded tree line on this site. Hanover Engineering will determine if it is large enough to be classified as a Woodlands.
 - Jaindl Land Co. Proposed Commercial Development: These plans need a list of what trees will be removed. There are not enough large trees to satisfy the Landscape requirement, and there needs to be a better mix of species of street trees.
7. Old/New Business: Suggestions for next Hanoverview article: remind property owners not to prune any oak trees from April 1 to November 1 and information about the excellent Penn State Extension programs that are available online that apply to all kinds of gardening and homeowner topics.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

The next meeting date and time is TBD.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Cook