

Hanover Township Shade Tree Advisory Board

The monthly meeting of the Shade Tree Advisory Board was held at the Hanover Township Board Room on Thursday, July 26, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

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

1. The minutes of the July 1, 2021, meeting were approved after a motion by Blair, seconded by Mary Ellen.
2. Committee Reports
 - a. Construction Plans: see report below in items #3 and #4
 - b. Park Tree Planting: With concerns raised about whether the township park trees have been getting watered by the work crews, Mary Ellen will call Vince Melite to confirm that the trees planted in the last two years are getting watered since there is a serious lack of sufficient rainfall this summer. Joan pointed out that it is time to start on plans for Fall tree planting locations. She gave the files to Mary Ellen so that she and Mary Kay can begin this process in August. There is money in the Tree Fund, and Joan will meet with Mary Ellen and Mary Kay to go over the details.
 - c. Park Tree Maintenance: Bill will contact and meet with Vince in the next two weeks to discuss what Vince sees as needs within the Township. Joan is concerned about the pruning that needs to be done on the five-year-old trees. Erik Josephson will do this work for \$50 per hour and can prune the trees that need this work done for a total cost of about \$2,000. Bill will contact Erik to line this up for the coming fall/winter months and will include it in the budget request in September. Bill, Joan, Mary Kay and Mary Ellen will meet to develop a three-year plan to determine budget line items for pruning and other tree maintenance needs and present that plan to the Board of Supervisors.
 - d. Missing Street Trees: Bill has set up an excel spreadsheet available to each STAB member so that when we see an address that has a missing or dead street tree, it can be noted and updated when the new tree is planted. He will add more columns to the file to make the data more effective as it is collected and updated.
 - e. Hanover View Newsletter Articles: Joan has the file of article ideas and will submit the article for the next issue of the newsletter. Bill will scan the prior articles and make that file available to all the STAB members.
 - f. Tree Issues: Mary Ellen expressed concern about the need for residents to trim the branches of trees and shrubs that interfere with pedestrians who are walking on the sidewalks throughout the Township. Township crews are supposed to be doing this trimming, but residents will probably get better results by doing this trimming themselves. Also, Joan is concerned about the amount of money that developers have to pay whenever they cannot meet the tree planting requirements in a project. Discussion centered on the need for there to be a set amount per tree rather than an arbitrary amount that varies with each development.
3. Site Plans Update: Farmhouse Village Hanover plans show that the number of square feet of the existing grove of trees on this land parcel is very near the number needed to be considered as a woodland, and as such would have specific requirements as to preserving the woodland area. Bill will request a recalculation based on a new survey of the property.
4. Site Plans review: Jaindl Land Co. Proposed Commercial Development at Route 512 and Brodhead Road has still not addressed the concerns raised in the landscape plans, as

originally submitted by STAB in April and June. Blair and Jane met with Joan last week to review the most current plans and noted that none of the recommendations were addressed in the latest plans. Jane will send in the new (unchanged) comments in the next week.

5. Old/New Business: Joan likes the idea mentioned at the end of the June meeting to create an informational handout to give to new residents who move into the Township, letting them know about the importance of street trees and to make them aware of the approved tree list that they can use for reference when choosing new street trees or other trees for their property.
6. Field Trip to visit the Township Parks: This was tabled due to the hot weather and the lateness of the meeting. It was agreed that we would try to begin this process of learning about each park on Monday evening, August 2.
7. The next Shade Tree Advisory Board meeting will be on Monday, August 30, 2021, at 6 pm in the Township Board room.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Cook