

Hanover Township Shade Tree Advisory Board

The monthly meeting of the Shade Tree Advisory Board was held at the Hanover Township Board Room on Tuesday, February 1, 2022

In attendance were Mary Kay Brezinsky, Gamini Vedage, Blair Bates, Joan Witiak, Mary Ellen O'Connell and Marianne Rivera.

1. The minutes of the November 30, 2021, meeting were not approved. Joan wanted some changes to be made. Each member will get the revised minutes and will be asked to approve them via email.

2. Committee Reports

- a. The Farmhouse Village Revised Plans were submitted to the Advisory Board by Bill Erdman (Keystone Engineers) and Joel Winer (Attorney for Farmhouse Village).

* Main Points Shade Tree Advisory Board would like to see happen for Farmhouse Village are as follows.

- Plant the Replacement trees in groups/clusters
- A larger variety of trees should be planted
- A HOA should be put in place to oversee the care of the trees

This area is classified as Woodlands by definition of the ordinance. Blair and Gamini walked the area and observed the trees, which were not high quality. They did not find animal habitat that would be disturbed by this development. The trees will be removed and 2 1/2 -3 inch caliper replacement trees will be planted.

Bill and Joel requested that the Shade Tree Advisory Board write a letter to the Zoning Board supporting their plans for Farmhouse Village by February 24, 2022. Blair and Jane are planning to attend the Zoning Board Meeting.

We all felt the plans looked good for Farmhouse Village. It was suggested that some Evergreens be planted for diversity in the planting.

- b. Park Tree Planning: Mary Ellen reported that Joshua did the air spading at First Responders Park. The Township will mulch in the spring, but mulch should not be put in the depression around the trunk. The new liaison for the township parks is Marty Limpar. A full day of pruning young trees by Erik Josephson was approved by Jay. This will be done in Feb. or March.
Mary Ellen reported that the dead trees needed to be marked for the township to be able to take them down so that we may replace them with new trees during the spring planting. This did not happen and since it is winter we will not be able to do this. It was suggested that trees be planted on the street at Delta Manor Park, the tree line behind the Community Center, and possibly off of Stokes Park Road or at the corner of Crawford Park.
 - c. Hanover News Article - We spoke about rotating members writing the article.
3. **Old/New Business:** Marianne offered to check out homes in the neighborhoods to make sure they have the appropriate number of street trees.
Gamini would like us all to pull together and divide up the different duties for the STAB.
Joan will be moving soon and we will miss her wisdom and energy on the STAB!
 4. **The next Shade Tree Advisory Board meeting** will be at 5:30 pm on Thursday, March 3, 2022 at Hanover Township Board Room.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Kay Brezinsky