

Haverford Township Shade Tree Commission

Minutes of Monday, May 22, 2017

Meeting took place at the Township Municipal Building
Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair David Schneck

Haverford Township Committee Attendees: Joseph Ceila (for the Township) , Paul Davit, Joe Rastatter, Doreen Saar , David Schneck

Absent: Paul Orner

Haverford Township Residents: Kent and Staci Doss

- 1) The Commission will review the list of recommended trees.
- 2) The members discussed the proposed plan for the Doss residence at 227 Oxford Road, Havertown 19083. The statute requires five street trees at 2.5” or 12.5 inches and 39.5 inches of replacement for a total of 52” of replacement trees. The replacement number counts the 27 inches of pine that is healthy. At present, the submitted plan has 22 inches of replacement trees. The applicants decided to rethink their decision and resubmit a new plan. They were urged to consider native species (such as swamp white oak) for replacement and to replace the columnar white pine with another canopy species.
- 3) Approved the April 2017 minutes.
- 4) Discussed email from resident who wished to have the Township cut down existing street trees so that the resident could replace the existing street trees. Joe Celia said that cutting down healthy street trees was not a Township policy.
- 5) Reviewed ordinances from other townships. In Springfield, Dave found nothing; in Lower Merion, Paul found little relevant; in Upper Darby, Joe is waiting for a response from the Shade Tree as is Doreen in Marple-Newtown.

The next meeting will be June 26, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen Alvarez Saar