

Long Hill Township Shade Tree Commission

Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2015

Attendees: Melanie Palmer Burdorf, Don Farnell (arrived at 7:25), Phyllis Fast, Susan Jeans, Peter O'Neill, Paul Tamburri (arrived at 7:53) and Mary DeLello (recorder)

Absent: David Welch, Guy Roshto, Guy Piserchia

Meeting called to order at 7:25 PM

Approval of February minutes: Phyllis moved to accept the minutes from the February 23, 2015 meeting and Peter seconded. All in favor of accepting minutes as written.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. **Treasurer's Report:** \$10,015.14 is the balance (same)
2. **Forestry Report:** Joe Dunn isn't able to make it tonight
3. **Challenge Grant for Spring:** Don reported challenge grant application processed closed as of Saturday. There are 8 individuals and 12 trees. Don has met with all but one of the applicants. Susan and Don will be finalizing the selection. Application forwarded from Long Hill Township for a flowering tree in the Kantor memorial with a question asking that the tree be donated by Shade Tree Commission. Originally, the Township Committee had said they would do the project and pay for the tree. STC said they would locate the tree. Kantor Family had offered to pay for the tree but didn't want to be responsible for the upkeep. To do it right, the tree should be installed by a nursery and that would cost more than the \$175 to purchase a tree. Paul will send spreadsheet to everyone.
4. **Status of cherry trees from Magna Drive:** no report
5. **Arbor Day Society Pamphlet #19 delivered:** Susan delivered the pamphlet and gave it to Phyllis to post.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Application for development at Overlook Drive, Millington:** subdivision approved for that lot last week. Nothing for STC to do until someone builds a house and then STC reserves the right to re-inspect.
2. **Application for tree removal at 1738 Long Hill Road Millington:** request to remove one or two trees so the driveway can be moved. Owner needs to work with the township for approval.
3. **Seeding Program at DPW:** Program was last Saturday and handed out 200 seedlings. Susan, Paul, Melanie and Phyllis put in many hours and there was a lot of enthusiasm for the program. There are 300 seedlings left. Program to run another day and Don will organize for this Saturday, April 25th. Long Hill Center is willing to put up sign if asked and can go up on signage Tuesday through Thursday. Paul's wife will advertise on Long Hill Township's Facebook page.
4. **Application for development at Stirling Hotel:** Owner has done a lot of things in the back of hotel that have not been approved; apartments above restaurant are not up to code. Looking to formalize approval from the Board of Adjustment for parking in the back which is in flood plain.
5. **Back to Nature program offers free trees update:** Phyllis will ask if STC can do this next year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM. Peter moved, Melanie seconded, all in favor.

▶ Next meeting: Monday, **May 18, 2015, 7:00 PM** at the **Library**.

Submitted by,
Mary DeLello, Recorder