

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP

MARCH 11, 2025



SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING



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A G E N D A **March 11, 2025** **7:30 PM**

There are two ways for the public to participate in the meeting: online or by phone. Residents can access the meeting online, by a computer, iPad, iPhone or Android at <https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/81492811428>. This link will enable residents to hear the meeting and see presentations. There will be no video capabilities. Residents, who are unable to join online, can listen to the meeting by calling 1-929-436-2866 and entering the meeting ID number 814-9281-1428 when prompted.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES

PRESENTATION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

On-going/New Items

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes- (minutes for February mtg are not available at this time)
2. Request from Mom's Organic to have 2-4 employees volunteer for 2-3 hours, preferably during the work week – John K
3. LD-25-01-1526 Fairview Avenue (ABH Builders, Inc.)
4. Tree Ordinance revision effort- update on recent activity to prepare the ordinance to appear before the Board of Commissioners - Trish
5. Upcoming trees give away update & approval-Andrew
6. Native plant gardens/maintenance at Roslyn Park project update and quote approval-Andrew
7. Recruiting volunteers - identifying specific tasks we want to recruit for
8. SPS disaster and role for STC input-All
9. Updates - if available:
 - a. ASD – Highland Elementary replacement of memorial tree-Anna

- b. Spring PHS Tree Tenders tree planting, April 11 at RVF-John K
- c. Arbor Day – annual recognition and reading of the proclamation-John K
- d. Redeemer Valley Farm-John/Travis
- e. Abington Free Library-Andrew/Travis
- f. Septa rail line slope stabilization project- update on activity/ John H
- g. Social media communications update / newsletter needs- Tanya
- h. Planning for spring maintenance of recently planted public trees- mulching, repairing staking, watering devices, pruning

10. General STC Business- Trish & John

- a. 2024 Annual report
- b. Recording volunteer hours
- c. OneDrive access issues

PUBLIC COMMENT

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Local Shade Tree Commissions Collaboration and Info Meeting, Abington Library, Tuesday, March 25, 6-8 pm – all from STC Invited**
- **April STC Meeting, Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 7:30 pm via zoom**
- **PHS Bare root tree planting event Redeemer Valley farm, Friday, April 11**
- **Annual Arbor Day recognition, Saturday, April 26**
- **Spring 2025 Tree Giveaway, Saturday, April 26**
- **Ask the Arborist event – Thursday, September 18**

ADJOURNMENT

BOARD POLICY ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

For Information Purposes Only

The Township shall conduct business in accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Laws governing the conduct of public meetings and only establish guidelines that shall govern public participation at meetings consistent with the law.

Each commenter shall:

- Direct their comments to the Presiding Officer;
- Speak from the podium or into a microphone designated by the presiding officer;
- State their name for the record;
- Either orally or in writing provide their address for the record;
- Have a maximum of three minutes to make their comments. Each commenter when speaking to a specific agenda item, is to keep their comments relative to that identified agenda item;
- Speak one time per agenda item;
- When commenting on non-agenda items, the commenter is to keep their comments related to matters of the Township of Abington, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.
- State a question to the Presiding Officer after all commenters have spoken, and;
- Be seated after speaking or upon the request of the presiding officer;
- Not engage in debate, dialogue or discussion;
- Not disrupt the public meeting, and;
- Exercise restraint and sound judgement in avoiding the use of profane language, and the maligning of others.