

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP

APRIL 9, 2024



SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING



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A G E N D A **April 9, 2024** **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://us06web.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

A. Motion to approve minutes from Shade Tree Commission Meeting of March 12, 2024

PRESENTATION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

On-going/New Items

1. Approval of March Meeting Minutes
2. Land Development Plans Under Review
 - a. LD-24-01-2241 Old Welsh Road subdivision and LD plan-
 - i. STC review project -preliminary comments
 - ii. Public comments
 - b. LD-23-04 - 640 Cedar Rd (Hopewell Veterinary Hospital)
 - i. The STC was provided with updated/final LD plans and asked for comment. Refer to STC Memo of response dated 12/18/2023.
3. Updates, Ongoing Activities
 - a. Open STC Commissioner positions – John
 - i. At least one of the two open positions needing a professional arboriculture background.
 - ii. Recruiting needs

- b. STC Roles & Responsibilities List has been updated and now resides in the One Drive please use this as a reference.
 - c. Establishing Consultant Arborist role and filling the position – John
 - d. Washington Lane Status & Follow-Ups –
- 4. Communications & Public Engagement – Tanya
 - a. Recent efforts update
- 5. Upcoming Projects
 - a. Tree Giveaway final planning & event – Andrew
 - b. PA Outdoor Corps – Robin
- 6. Arbor Day Celebration – Saturday, April 27
- 7. Removal of knotweed at Baederwood / Coates –
 - a. Interested resident with proposed plans and ideas.
- 8. Adding ground cover to areas of Edgehill Woods post invasives removal - Robin
 - a. Request to fund this with STC budgeted resources
- 9. Grove Park House and gardens – John & Donna
 - a. Possible help from an interested volunteer group
- 10. Adding trees to various public spaces such as medians - Anna
- 11. Miscellaneous Business
 - a. ASD & Greater Glenside Civic Assn Liaison Update– Anna (5 minutes) Update available?
 - b. Request to move one of the fall 2022 planted trees at Crestmont Park due to annual festival-
- 12. Any Other Business – All (Time Permitting)

PUBLIC COMMENT

NEXT MEETING: May 14, 2024 @ 7:00 PM - Virtual

ADJOURNMENT

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS:

April 11 @ 830am-10am - Groundbreaking event with TTF watershed at Abington Club

April 27 - Spring Tree Giveaway Event at Crestmont Park

April 27 - Arbor Day Celebrated

April 29-May3 - PA Outdoor Corps Invasives removal project

May 4 - Live staking project at Hallowell Park / TTF Watershed lead

May 6 @ 9am-10am - Meeting with Drew Gilchrest re: Grants Opportunities

BOARD POLICY ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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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.