

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP

JULY 8, 2025



SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING



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July 8, 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://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 June 10, 2025

PRESENTATION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

On-going/New Items

1. Approval of June meeting minutes
2. Newly planted tree care has been completed in Ethel Jordan Park, Pennbryn and Crestmont parks- update -John K
 - a. Hallowell Park needs
3. 2026 budget – request is due before the August meeting. Final discussion and approval to be submitted.
4. Consulting arborist walk-through of Alverthorpe - John H and Jess Tholey have agreed on Monday, July 14 at 1:30 PM. They are fine with a couple of people from the STC joining as observers.
5. Report on recent meetings with Township management- John/Andrew
6. Fall planting activities – discussion all
 - a. Potential projects: library (we are waiting to hear about the grant); Edge Hill

Woods; Copper Beech Elementary; PHS bare root planting in a park, previous discussion with Rene King re: planting event on the Fairway. Other Ideas?

7. Ongoing projects/program updates - if available:
 - a. Glenside Weldon
 - b. PA Outdoor Corps Sept 29-Oct 2
 - c. Abington School District – update if available
 - d. Native plant gardens/maintenance at Roslyn Park project-Andrew
 - a. Roslyn Park native plant gardens - Spruce Hollow has finished planting the additional areas for 2025 and is in maintenance mode now.
 - e. Edgehill Woods
 - f. On-going Redeemer Valley Farm collaboration
 - g. Abington library
 - h. Septa rail line slope stabilization project- September tree planting, anticipating notification of dates to inform homeowners
 - i. Social media communications - Tanya
 - j. Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary Phase II
 - k. Tree Ordinance revision effort- waiting on response from solicitor office
8. General STC Business-

Upcoming important dates:

- August STC Meeting, Tuesday, August 8, 2025, 7:30 pm via zoom
- August Commissioners meeting annual report, Thursday, August 14, 7:00pm (rescheduled)
- STC/EAC Joint Meeting for the Invasives management plan with Natural Lands Trust, Monday, July 28, 2025, 7:00 pm via zoom
- Ask the Arborist event – Thursday, September 18, Crestmont Park
- STC 50th Anniversary recognition – Date TBD
- Fall Tree Giveaway – October

PUBLIC COMMENT

UPCOMING EVENTS

ADJOURNMENT

BOARD POLICY ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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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.