

**WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION
MEETING OF MARCH 3, 2020 AT 7:00 PM**

ZIEGLER ____ D'AMORE ____ BORKOWSKI ____ FASSBENDER ____ TURENNE ____
BOS LIAISON, TOLL ____ STAFF LIAISON, HALBOM ____

CALL TO ORDER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLAN REVIEWS

Erdenheim Farm: Permit # 2019-09 – Construction of 82'x24' garage.

4106 Fountain Green Road: Permit # 2019-17 – Construction of Single-Family home.

901 Washington Street: SLD# 05-14 – 62 Townhouse Units.

DISCUSSION WITH PLANNING COMMISSION

The Shade Tree Commission Chair and Vice-Chair will provide an update regarding progress identifying touch-points between Chapters 55 and 105 in preparation for the ordinance update.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 7, 2020

February 4, 2020 (Joint-meeting with Planning Commission)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

NEXT MEETING DATES:

March 3, 2020	April 7, 2020	May 5, 2020	June 2, 2020
July 7, 2020	August 4, 2020	September 1, 2020	October 6, 2020
November 3, 2020	December 1, 2020		

ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

1. Public meetings of the Shade Tree Commission shall follow a prescribed agenda, which will be available to the general in advance of the meeting.
2. If members of the public wish the Commission to address a specific item at a public meeting, a written request to the Staff Liaison shall be submitted by noon on Friday of the week before the meeting. The written request shall specify the item or items the individual desires to be addressed.
3. The Commission may consider other matters for the agenda as they see fit.
4. The Commission will entertain Public Comment at either the beginning of the meeting or prior to specific action items during the meeting, at the discretion of the Chair. Individuals must advise the Chair of their desire to offer such comment.
5. A Public Comment period will be provided at the conclusion of a meeting for input on any subject.
6. The Commission Chair shall preside over Public Comments and may within their discretion:
 - a. Recognize individuals wishing to offer comment.
 - b. Require identification of such persons.
 - c. Allocate total available Public Comment time among all individuals wishing to comment.
 - d. Allocate up to a five (5) minute maximum for each individual to offer Public Comment at a meeting, Township Staff shall time comments and shall announce, "one minute remaining" and "time expired" to the Chair.
 - e. Rule out of order scandalous, impertinent and redundant comment or any comment the discernible purpose of which is to disrupt or prevent the conduct of the business of the meeting including the questioning of, or polling of, or debating with, individual members of the Commission.

Via Email Delivery

Memorandum – Erdenheim Farms Tree Protection Fencing

Date: February 25, 2020

To: Sean Halbom, MPA
Assistant Township Manager
Whitemarsh Township
616 Germantown Pike
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

From: John Hosbach

Company: Rockwell Associates

Dear Sean,

As per our recommendations for the applicant to provide tree protection for the subject barn project located at the Erdenheim Farms, Bob Wells From Morris Arboretum has provided a sketch detail that has sufficed our request. The subject tree London plane (*Platanus x hispanica*) is very healthy and does warrant preservation fencing to avoid contractor error.

The sketch below shows the fencing detail. This fencing is within the dripline, but I don't believe any conflicts will occur. I don't believe these needs to come back in front of us in March. The obligation has been met.

John Rockwell Hosbach Jr.

John Rockwell Hosbach Jr., Urban Forester
Registered Consulting Arborist #483, ISA Certified Arborist PD-0372
ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualified, ASCA Qualified Tree and Plant Appraiser



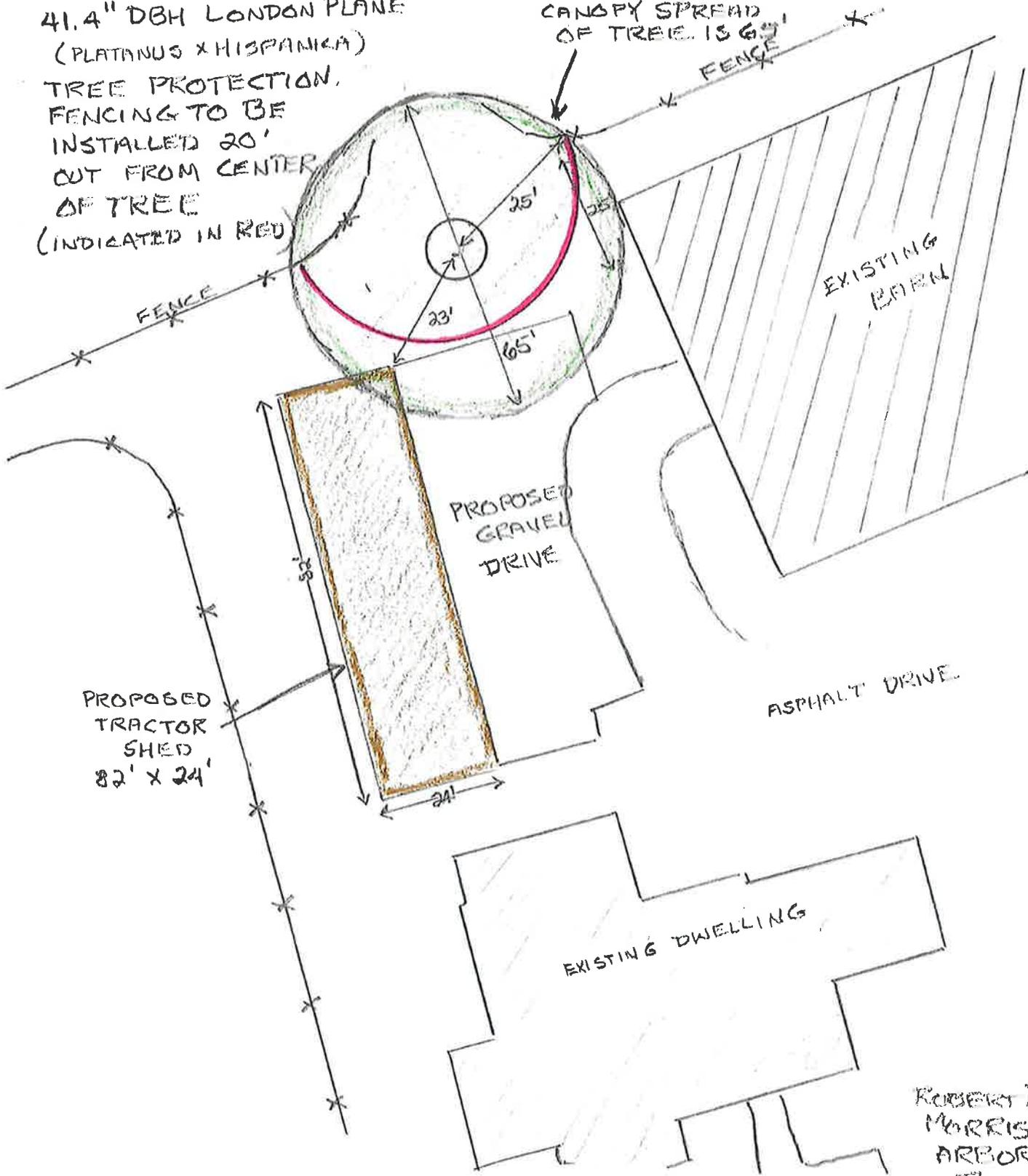
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41.4" DBH LONDON PLANE
 (PLATANUS X HISPANICA)
 TREE PROTECTION
 FENCING TO BE
 INSTALLED 20'
 OUT FROM CENTER
 OF TREE
 (INDICATED IN RED)

CANOPY SPREAD
 OF TREE IS 65'



EXISTING BARN

PROPOSED GRAVEL DRIVE

ASPHALT DRIVE

PROPOSED TRACTOR SHED
 82' x 24'

EXISTING DWELLING

ROBERT WELLS
 MORRIS
 ARBORETUM
 JAN 27,
 2020

ERDENHEIM FARM
 STENTON AVE
 WHITE MARSH TWP PA

LOCATION SKETCH OF TREE PROTECTION ZONE (TZ)
 FOR A 41.4" DBH LONDON PLANE NEXT TO A PROPOSED
 TRACTOR SHED

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Memorandum – 4106 Fountain Green Road

Date: February 25, 2020
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From: John Hosbach
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Dear Sean,

As per my review of the subject plan, the following is being submitted as it pertains to tree removals.

Total Removals

6" Maple
10" Maple
12" Holly
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12" Holly
8" Hemlock

Removals that are of dying, dead or hazard



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Total caliper inches requiring compensatory 16" /3.5" trees as per there plan. However, 3" is required. They utilized 3.5" trees (in the table but not the plan). They will need to plant (5.3) 3" caliper trees. The plan needs to be revised.

The tree preservation fencing, and all other requirements have been met.



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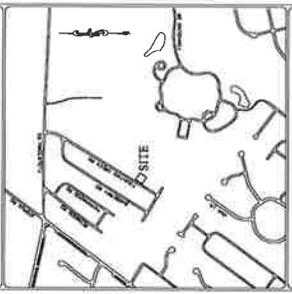


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SITE LOCATION MAP (1"=800')



GENERAL NOTES

ALL WORK SHALL BE GOVERNED BY APPROPRIATE COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS.

AS SHOWN IN THE ORDER FOR THE RECORDING OF DEEDS, PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT, AT HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA.

BOUNDARY AND EXISTING COULDES DERIVED FROM A GDS SURVEY BY BURNS & MCDONNELL, INC. DATED IN OCTOBER 2017.

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- 194. 1134" DBH
- 195. 1140"



Via Email Delivery

Memorandum – 901 Washington Street

Date: February 26, 2020

To: Sean Halbom, MPA
Assistant Township Manager
Whitemarsh Township
616 Germantown Pike
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

From: John Hosbach

Company: Rockwell Associates

Dear Sean,

I re-visited the site and reviewed the subject plan. Below you will find my notes for the STC.

The applicant needs to insert the project name or at a minimum the site address. I did not see this on the plan. Not an issue, but later the STC maybe be confused when they are reviewing the plans prior to the meeting.

PPM did an excellent job denoting the heritage trees to be protected which is unusual for applicants. Tree protection is noted and will provide superior protection for these trees.



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The applicant is removing a total of 64 inches of DBH - (3 Box Elder and 1 red maple). They have utilized the shade tree and the ornamental tree factor (2:1) which equates to 28 replacements. All species are native and proper for the designated growing conditions. Sycamore, white oak and hornbeam will be utilized.

I would like to see a vine and invasive plant management program for the future. This is not relevant to this submission but should be the long-term goal.

In closing, the plan is very well done and has met our requirements.



John Rockwell Hosbach Jr., Urban Forester
Registered Consulting Arborist #483, ISA Certified Arborist PD-0372
ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualified, ASCA Qualified Tree and Plant Appraiser



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**WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP
SHADE TREE COMMISSION
Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 7:00PM
AT THE WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER:

VACANT BORKOWSKI D'AMORE FASSBENDER ZIEGLER

BOS LIAISON: TOLL TOWNSHIP STAFF: HALBOM

TOWNSHIP ARBORIST: HOSBACH

2. RE-ORGANIZATION – Board will vote to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair.

David D'Amore nominated Steve Ziegler as Chair, Natalie Borkowski seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Natalie Borkowski nominated David D'Amore as Vice-Chair, Steve Ziegler seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

3. 2020 SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE (AT WHITEMARSH ADMINISTRATION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

February 4, 2020	March 3, 2020	April 7, 2020	May 5, 2020
June 2, 2020	July 7, 2020	August 4, 2020	September 1, 2020
October 6, 2020	November 3, 2020	December 1, 2020	

4. PLAN REVIEWS –

6010 Mill Road – Construction of garage on property previously cleared. (Follow up from December meeting)

Mr. Robert Wells presented on behalf of the applicant. He provided an update and photos displaying the tree protective fencing surrounding the garage. Chair Ziegler asked if there was a possibility of any additional trees being removed due to the construction. Mr. Wells replied that two trees may need to be removed if certain work is pursued. Chair Ziegler reminded Mr. Wells that changes to the submitted plans would require approval from the STC. Natalie Borkowski motioned to accept the plans, David D'Amore seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

5. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 2019 MEETING MINUTES

David D'Amore motioned to accept the December 2019 meeting minutes. Steve Ziegler seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

6. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 2019 MEETING MINUTES

David D'Amore motioned to accept the November 2019 meeting minutes. Steve Ziegler seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

7. UPDATE REGARDING CHANGES TO THE CHAPTER 55 ORDINANCE

Chair Ziegler shared that a joint-meeting with the Planning Commission is being sought to identify overlap areas within the Shade Tree and SALDO ordinances (Chapters 55 and 105). He clarified that this meeting was not being rescheduled for the purpose of rewriting those ordinances.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Linda Doll commented that the public should be given access to draft meeting minutes before the Shade Tree Commission approves them.

Eli Glick provided a letter to the Shade Tree Commission with a list of action items he would like to see taken to improve communication.

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Ziegler provided clarification to approved meeting minutes from October's meeting minutes. He noted that the phrase "rejected both motions" should have read "rejected both plans."

10. ADJOURNMENT

David D'Amore motioned to adjourn the meeting, Steve Ziegler seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, February 4, 2020.

**WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION: JOINT MEETING WITH
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 4, 2020 AT 7:00 PM**

Shade Tree Commission

ZIEGLER ___ D'AMORE ___ BORKOWSKI ___ FASSBENDER ___ TURENNE ___

BOS LIAISON, TOLL ___ - STAFF LIAISON, HALBOM ___

Planning Commission

DAMBMAN ___ DORAN ___ SHULA ___ CORNOG ___ GLANTZ PATCHEN ___ QUITEL ___
SHAW-FINK ___

BOS LIAISON, MANUELE - STAFF LIAISON, GUTTENPLAN

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – Steve Ziegler called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – There were no announcements.

PLAN REVIEWS – There were no plan reviews.

DISCUSSION WITH PLANNING COMMISSION

The meeting began with introductions, and the discussion of Section 105-5, Definitions. The joint commissions agreed the following definitions need to be revisited:

- Hedgerow
- Shade Tree
- Tree
- Approved Preserved Tree (Appears only in Chapters 55-4B-1/4/5)
- Approved vs. Recommended
- Woodland (to replace forest)

It was proposed that definitions could be referenced to either the International Society of Arboriculture or the Society of American Foresters. Several definitions were discussed for sake of alignment between Chapters 105 and 55. The Township solicitor explained that in cases where two definitions exist within a Township's code, the definition most beneficial to the applicant must be applied.

The commissions discussed definitions such as "heritage tree," "diameter at breast height," and "caliper" as they apply to plans and replacement schedules. This discussion was placed in the parking lot since it was most applicable to a later portion of the agenda. Mr. Cornog offered that the power to recommend should be made clear in the ordinance so that applicants know what decisions are

recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and which decisions are within the scope of these commissions. The commissions voiced a preference for the language used in Chapter 105. Several definitions that were materially the same, but worded slightly differently were discussed. It was agreed by the commissions they be made uniform to the extent possible when these ordinances are updated. The commission also discussed using the same word instead of synonyms throughout the ordinance; specifically, the word "site" was deemed favorable to "property" or "lot." The solicitors agreed that site would not need to be defined.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Since only two of the tree Shade Tree Commissioners present at this meeting attended the January meeting, those minutes could not be approved. They will be added to the March agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Steve Kaughman – Shared that when scientific definitions are used, we may further narrow the definition. Steve asked that Shade Tree Commission be included earlier in the land development process. He advocated for redefining "clear cutting" in Chapter 55 and shared that he hopes to see more collaboration between boards in the future.

Sydelle Zove – Shared that in the current definition, "rural" is used as a qualifying term. She believes objective elements of the code are most important.

Debra Harris – Voiced her support for the ISA's definition of the word tree for Chapter 55, and redefining heritage tree to 30"+ DBH trees. Debra offered that defining both "street tree" and "Shade Tree" separately would be ideal.

Linda Doll – Voiced her appreciation for the commissions meeting and coordinating efforts.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

NEXT MEETING DATES:

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ADJOURNMENT