

**WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING OF TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2020 @ 7:00 PM
ZOOM MEETING PARTICIPATION INFORMATION**

The Whitemarsh Township Shade Tree Commission will conduct a public meeting on **Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 7:00 PM**. In response to the Governor's Stay Home Order due to the COVID 19 health pandemic, this meeting will be conducted via ZOOM. All members of the Commission, staff and public will participate remotely. The public may join this meeting by either telephone using the dial in number or entering the URL on an internet browser. Below you will find instructions on how to access and participate in the meeting:

- **Meeting Date:** Tuesday, June 2, 2020
- **Meeting Time:** 7:00 PM
- **Meeting URL:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84663466606?pwd=cWxDcDBHUUx6ZXQvWEp1RjV5VjU2QT09>
- **Meeting via Zoom App:** if you have the Zoom App on your smartphone, tablet, or computer, open the program, click join a meeting, and enter the Meeting ID:
- **Meeting dial in number (no video):** (646) 558-8656
- **Meeting ID number (to be entered when prompted):** 846 6346 6606
- **Meeting Password:** 918663

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

CALL TO ORDER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLAN REVIEWS

Henry Lane – Permit # 2018-04, -08, -09: Review of existing landscaping plan versus approved landscaping plan.

UPDATE: Fields Drive – Permit #2016-08: During the final inspection of the approved landscaping plans, the Arborist noticed that two of the Spruce trees planted were smaller than required. The applicant agreed to plant an additional tree on site to make up for the difference.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

NEXT MEETING DATES:

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July 7, 2020	August 4, 2020	September 1, 2020	October 6, 2020
November 3, 2020	December 1, 2020	*Cancelled due to Pandemic	

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.

New Century Builders & Developers, LLC

PO Box 157
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

May 4, 2020

Sean Halbom
Assistant Township Manager
Whitemarsh Township

Dear Sean,

Here is a copy of the "As Built" tree plan for the homes of 6201, 6203 and 6205 Henry Lane, Flourtown. As we discussed the plan was altered due to the small parcel sizes that was left after the homes were built.

As you can see from this plan there were a total of 59 trees planted on the properties.

43 Arborvitae- 6'-8'

4 Dogwood- 2"

4 Plim- 1.5"

8 Autumn Blaze Maple- 2"

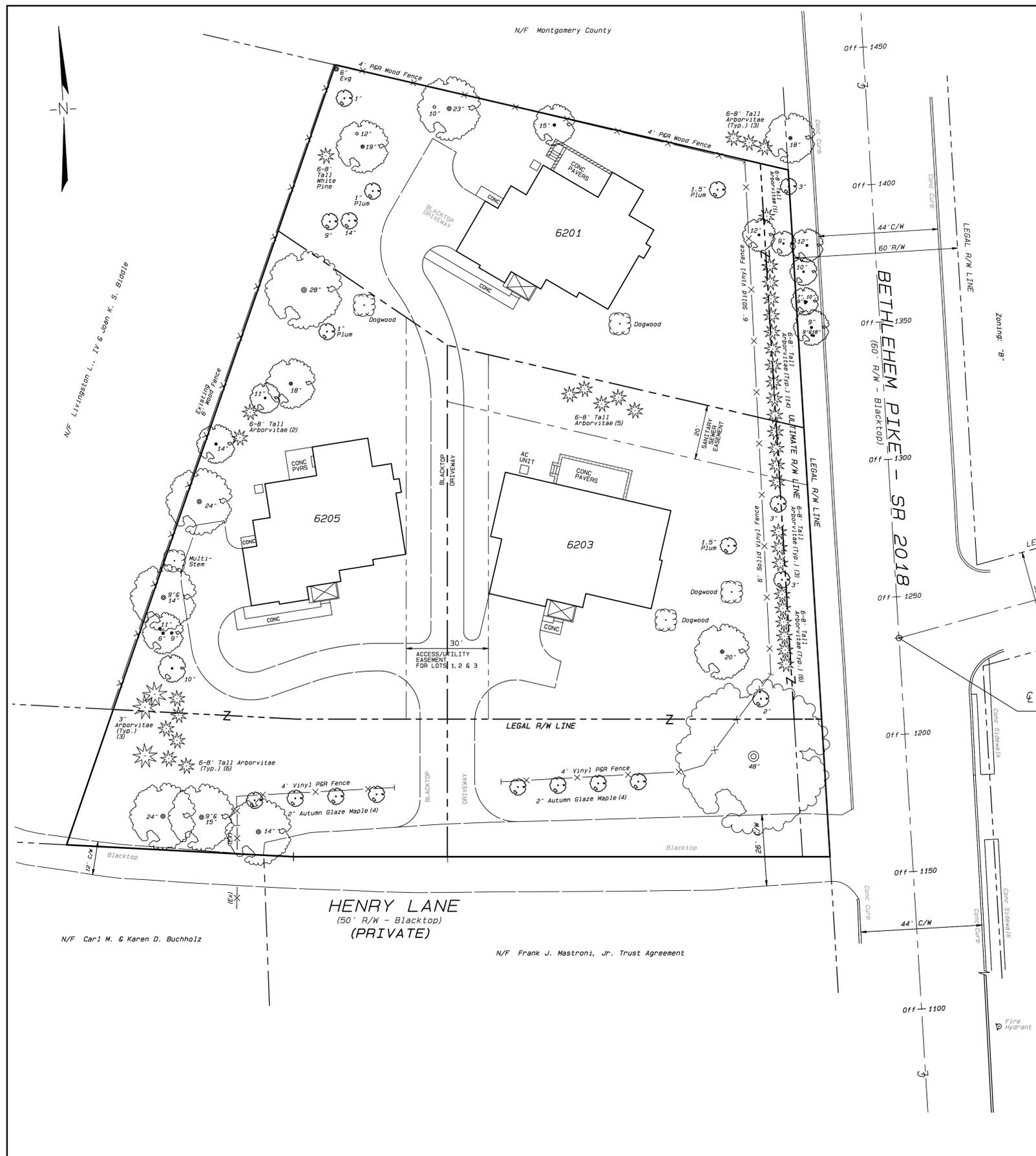
Some trees had to be moved around the lots because of the utility areas and the small workable space. When doing this we planted more Arborvitae along Bethlehem Pike.

Sincerely yours,

Joe Venezia

New Century Builders & Developers, LLC





LEGEND

---	CENTERLINE
---	TRACT BOUNDARY
---	PROPERTY LINE
---	LEGAL R.O.W., EASEMENTS
---	REQUIRED R.O.W.
---	EXISTING CONTOUR
---	EXISTING WATER LINE
---	EXISTING SAN. SEWER LINE
---	EXISTING TELEPHONE LINE
---	EXISTING GAS LINE
---	EXISTING ELECTRIC LINE
---	EXISTING STORM SEWER/INLET
---	EXISTING MANHOLE
---	EXISTING CURBLINE
---	UTILITY POLE
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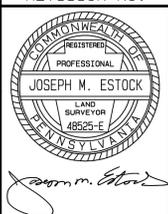
ONLY THE FENCING AND VEGETATION REFLECTS AS-BUILT SURVEY CONDITIONS.

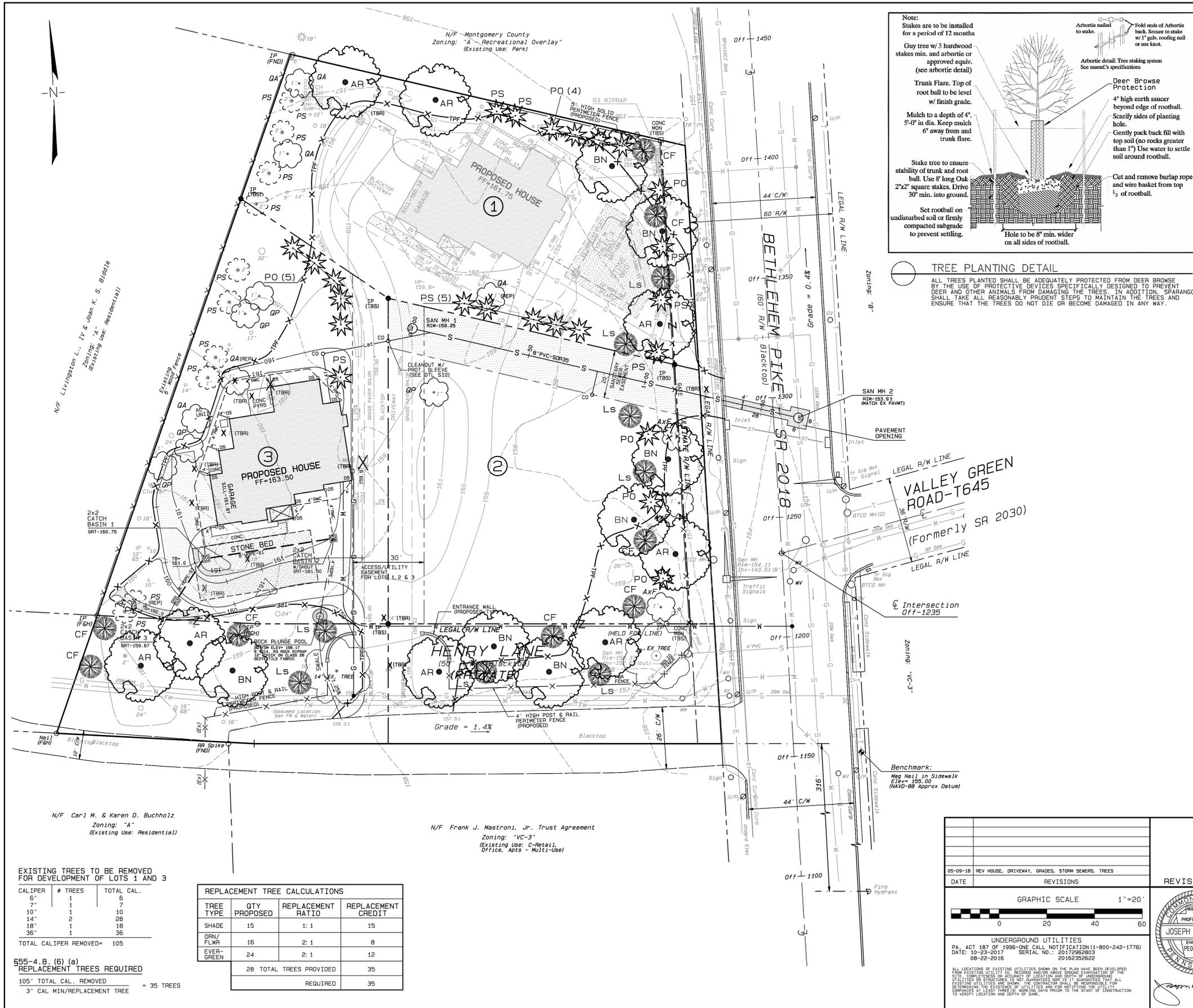
TREES PLANTED

Arborvitae	= 43
Dogwood	= 4
Plum	= 4
Autumn Blaze Maple	= 8
TOTAL	= 59

05-01-20	NOTE SPECIES OF TREES PLANTED
DATE	REVISIONS
GRAPHIC SCALE 1"=20'	
0 20 40 60	
UNDERGROUND UTILITIES	
PA. ACT 187 OF 1996-ONE CALL NOTIFICATION (1-800-242-1778)	
DATE: 10-23-2017 SERIAL NO.: 2017296803	
08-22-2016 20162352622	
ALL LOCATIONS OF EXISTING UTILITIES SHOWN ON THE PLAN HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED FROM EXISTING UTILITY CO. RECORDS AND/OR ABOVE GROUND EXAMINATION OF THE SITE. THE EXISTENCE OR NON-EXISTENCE OF UTILITIES AND THEIR DEPTHS ARE NOT GUARANTEED BY THE SURVEYOR. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMINING THE EXISTENCE OF UTILITIES AND FOR NOTIFYING THE UTILITY COMPANIES AT LEAST THREE (3) WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO THE START OF CONSTRUCTION TO VERIFY LOCATION AND DEPTH OF SAME.	

PROJECT TITLE :		6201-6203 HENRY LANE	
		WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP - MONTGOMERY COUNTY - PENNSYLVANIA	
DRAWING TITLE :		AS-BUILT TREE SURVEY PLAN	
DEVELOPER :		NEW CENTURY BUILDERS AND DEVELOPERS PO BOX 157 PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462	
PREPARED BY :		JOSEPH M. ESTOCK Consulting Engineers & Land Surveyors	
SCALE		DATE	FILE NO. FIELD BOOK SHT. NO.
1" = 20'		12 MARCH 2020	98078 337 1 OF 1





PROPOSED LANDSCAPING

EVERGREEN TREE (6'-8" HIGH)
SHADE TREE (45' MAX.) (3" DIA.)
FLOWERING TREE (30' MAX.) (3" DIA.)
REPLACEMENT DECIDUOUS TREE
REPLACEMENT EVERGREEN TREE

LEGEND

CENTERLINE
TRACT BOUNDARY
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LEGAL R.O.W. EASEMENTS
REQUIRED R.O.W.
EXISTING CONTOUR
PROPOSED CONTOUR
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EXISTING GAS LINE
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PROPOSED GAS LINE
EXISTING MANHOLE
PROPOSED MANHOLE
EXISTING CURBLINE
PROPOSED CURBLINE
UTILITY POLE
EXISTING VALVE, VENT, CO.
EXISTING IRON PIN
IRON PIN (TO BE SET)
CONCRETE MONUMENT (TO BE SET)
TO BE REMOVED

PROPOSED SOLID PERIMETER FENCE
5" HIGH-WHITE VINYL SOLID TONGUE & GROOVE FENCE
PROPOSED POST & RAIL PERIMETER FENCE
4" HIGH-WHITE VINYL 3-RAIL, POST & RAIL (SMOOTH FINISH) FENCE

TOTAL NEW TREES PROVIDED FOR LOT 3 DEVELOPMENT= 14 TREES
TOTAL REPLACEMENT TREES PROVIDED FOR LOT 3 DEVELOPMENT= 12 TREES
TOTAL TREES PROVIDED= 26 TREES

PLANT LIST - OVERALL SITE

SYMBOL	QTY LOT 3	QTY TOTAL SITE	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	CALIPER	HEIGHT	NATIVE TO PA
AR	(2)	8	ACER RUBRUM	RED MAPLE	3"	-	YES
BN	(4)	7	BETULA NIGRA	RIVER BIRCH	3"	-	YES
CF	(3)	8	CORNUS FLORIDA	FLOWERING DOGWOOD	3"	-	YES
LS	(2)	8	LAGERSTROEMIA	CREPE MYRTLE	3"	-	NO
PO	(5)	13	PICEA OMORIKA	SERBIAN SPRUCE	-	6'-8" HIGH	NO
PS	(1)	11	PICEA ABIES	NORWAY SPRUCE	-	6'-8" HIGH	YES

REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING TREES PER WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION #2017-10, DATED FEBRUARY 23, 2017

AXF	(-)	3*	ACER x FREEMANTII	AUTUMN BLAZE MAPLE	2"	-	YES
OA	(2)	5*	QUERCUS ALBA	WHITE OAK (NATIVE)	1'-2"	-	YES
OP	(4)	5*	QUERCUS PALUSTRIS	PIN OAK (NATIVE)	1'-2"	-	YES
PS	(6)	10*	PINUS STROBUS	WHITE PINE	1'-2"	-	YES

* NUMBER OF NEW TREES THAT WERE REQUIRED TO BE PLANTED PER THE LETTER OF AGREEMENT DATED FEBRUARY 11, 2014. REPLACEMENT OF THESE TREES TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP CONSULTING ARBORIST, ACER CONSULTING, LLC LETTER DATED MARCH 07, 2017.
NUMBER OF NEW TREES THAT ARE TO BE PLANTED AS REQUIRED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF LOT 3.

- NOTES:**
- PROTECTIVE FENCING IS TO BE PLACED AROUND TREES ON THE PROPERTY PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.
 - A PRECONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE WITH THE TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION SHALL BE HELD ON SITE PRIOR TO THE START OF CONSTRUCTION.
 - STREET TREES SHALL BE OF NURSERY STOCK. THEY SHALL BE OF SYMMETRICAL GROWTH, FREE OF INSECTS, PESTS AND DISEASE, SUITABLE FOR STREET USE, AND IN CONFORMITY WITH THE STANDARDS OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NURSERYMEN.
 - THE MINIMUM TRUNK DIAMETER, MEASURED AT A HEIGHT OF SIX (6) INCHES ABOVE THE ROOT BALL, SHALL BE THREE (3) INCHES.
 - STREET TREES AND OTHER REQUIRED PLANT MATERIAL SHALL NOT BE PLANTED UNTIL THE FINISHED GRADING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN COMPLETED.
 - ALL NEWLY PLANTED REPLACEMENT TREES SHALL HAVE DEER PROTECTION ON THE TREE TRUNKS AT A MINIMUM OF 4-1/2 FEET FROM THE GROUND UP TO PREVENT BARK DAMAGE WITHOUT THE USE OF CHEMICALS. THE DEER PROTECTION SHALL REMAIN IN PLACE 18 MONTHS FROM THE POST-CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE.

EXISTING TREES TO BE REMOVED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF LOTS 1 AND 3

CALIPER	# TREES	TOTAL CAL.
6"	1	6
7"	1	7
10"	1	10
14"	2	28
18"	1	18
36"	1	36
TOTAL CALIPER REMOVED=		105

REPLACEMENT TREES REQUIRED

TREE TYPE	QTY PROPOSED	REPLACEMENT RATIO	REPLACEMENT CREDIT
SHADE	15	1:1	15
ORN/FLWR	16	2:1	8
EVER-GREEN	24	2:1	12
28 TOTAL TREES PROVIDED			35
REQUIRED			35

105" TOTAL CAL. REMOVED = 35 TREES
3" CAL MIN/REPLACEMENT TREE

REPLACEMENT TREE CALCULATIONS

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DATE: 10-23-2017 SERIAL NO.: 2017296803
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DATE: 05-09-18
REV HOUSE, DRIVEWAY, GRADES, STORM SEWERS, TREES

GRAPHIC SCALE 1"=20'
0 20 40 60

REVISION NO. 1

REVISIONS

PROJECT TITLE:
6205 HENRY LANE
LOT NO. 3
WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP - MONTGOMERY COUNTY - PENNSYLVANIA

DRAWING TITLE:
TREE SURVEY AND
LANDSCAPE PLAN

DEVELOPER:
NEW CENTURY BUILDERS AND DEVELOPERS
PO BOX 157 PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462

PREPARED BY:
JOSEPH M. ESTOCK
Consulting Engineers & Land Surveyors

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SCALE: 1" = 20'
DATE: 09 APRIL 2018
FILE NO.: 98078
FIELD BOOK: 337
SHT. NO.: 5 OF 7

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

Shade Tree Commission

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

MINUTES

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS – There were no announcements.

PLAN REVIEWS –

Erdenheim Farm (Permit # 2019-09) – The applicant was not present.

4106 Fountain Green Road (Permit # 2019-17) – The applicant provided details for the project which involve tearing down an existing single-family home and building a new home within the existing footprint. Sixteen caliper inches of replaceable trees are being removed, some of which was growing out of the existing structure and could not be saved, necessitating 5.3 replacement trees. The applicant requested permission to replace the 1/3rd balance of replacement trees with two shrubs.

Mr. Fassbender asked where the access points for construction vehicles would be located. The applicant referenced the plans and mentioned that large equipment would be on site briefly for demolition and working from the garage side.

Chair Ziegler asked where the tree protection fencing (TPF) is identified on the plans (limited disturbance). The applicant referenced the tree protection fencing and silt sock's location on the plans. Chair Ziegler noted the TPF did not appear to follow the drip line. The applicant explained the unique features of this property made identifying the dripline difficult, but that this project was focusing on "filling" not "cutting". The Township Arborist was asked to opine by the Chair and explained that the root zone was not being impacted by the work.

Mr. Fassbender asked what specific replacement species would be planted. The applicant responded that they are open to the commission's suggestions, so long as the species would not eventually grow too quickly or too large. The Township Arborist offered that he has emailed recommendations to the applicant.

Steve Kauffman shared public comment and offered that he thinks replacement requirements should be applied to the trees growing out of the existing structure. He expressed concern about the close proximity of the replacement trees on the plans.

Mr. D'Amore thanks Mr. Kauffman for his comment and offered that, while he takes a hard line against attempts to define trees as dead or dying to avoid replacement, this is the first time he can recall addressing a tree growing out of a structure. Chair Ziegler added that the trees growing from a structure represents a hazard, thereby waiving it from the replacement count.

Ms. Borkowski made a motion to approve the plans; seconded by Mr. Fassbender. The plans were unanimously approved.

Henry Lane – Resident Joan Biddle offered comment regarding the approved landscape plans for a three-lot sub-division on Henry Lane (Permit #'s 2018-04, 2018-08, and 2018-09). She stated that the project did not comply with the approved landscaping plan. She advocated for the commission to require the developer to plant those trees and give the developer a deadline to complete the work.

Ms. Borkowski asked Mr. Halbom if this was an issue for the contractor, or the home owners. Mr. Halbom replied that the Township is still in possession of the contractor's escrow money. Because the developer deviated from the approved plans, it is the Township's position that the developer is responsible for remedies; however, we also believe the homeowners should be involved in that decision.

Sydell Zove offered public comment regarding sum of money in escrow.

Debra Harris asked the commission what happens when a builder deviates from plans, do we withhold additional money as punishment? Chair Ziegler responded that penalties cannot be applied.

901 Washington St. (SLD# 5-14) Construction of 62 Townhomes – Ms. Sarah Peck and Mike Wagner, and Justin Mooney presented on behalf of the applicants. The proposal is to build 62 units along the Riverbank nearby Spring Mill Train Station and David's Bridal. The existing site is largely a concrete slab, with trees along the river bank. Ms. Peck offered the commission a tour of the site, if they are interested.

The tree survey plan proposes to keep all five existing heritage trees. The applicant identified four trees (totaling 64 caliper inches) in need of replacement, warranting 21 replacement trees, but they request 30% of the replacement trees be substituted with other flowering trees species on a two for one basis, totaling 28 replacement trees. Sarah stated the remaining trees are hazardous due to splits, snaps, or other signs of neglect. Sarah also pointed out that many of these trees along the riverbank are located on state-owned land, and they will not be impacted by this project.

Chair Ziegler expressed concern about the number of trees defined to be hazardous. Mr. D'Amore expressed the same interest, and asked if the Arborist agreed with the assessment of their health. The Arborist stated that many of the trees were in poor health and likely beyond the point of saving. Chair Ziegler requested additional clarification deciphering hazardous trees from trees requiring replacement. Mr. Halbom referenced the chapter 55 ordinance definition which exempts trees that pose a threat to life or property, for sake of clarification. Mr. Halbom suggested the commission take up the applicant's offer to tour the property for sake of clarity on this issue.

Steve Kauffman offered public comment regarding the differing definitions used to describe hazardous trees, substitution species, and replacement requirements. He interprets the ordinance to not omit dead and dying trees from the >50% clear-cutting prohibition.

Sydell Zove offered public comment regarding the roles of the Shade Tree Commission, staff, and the Arborist in reviewing landscaping plans.

Linda Doll asked if the total number of trees on the property was mentioned during the presentation. She also expressed curiosity regarding the definitions applied to the tree's health and counts.

DISCUSSION WITH PLANNING COMMISSION

Chair Ziegler provided an update regarding the status of the Chapter 55 ordinance discussion with the Planning Commission. During a second meeting, additional progress was made; however, a third meeting will be planned. He emphasized that the ordinance was not being rewritten at this time; the commissions were simply identifying existing conflicts between the current ordinances prior to a revision.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Ziegler noted Item 9 toward comments, "...meeting minutes from October's meeting" should be changed to "September's meeting" and that a resolution was made and passed unanimously that the Shade Tree Commission "rejected both plans presented at the September meeting by the Villages at Whitemarsh."

Chair Ziegler motioned to approve the minutes as-corrected, David D'Amore seconded the motion.

Following a motion made by Mr. Fassbender, and seconded by Ms. Turenne, the minutes for the joint-STC/PC meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Debra Harris offered public comment regarding tree planting on heavily planted lots and use of smaller trees that may benefit certain wild life.

Steve Kaughman offered comment regarding the importance of language in the ordinance. He suggested that the commission lay clear expectations upon developers and remove ambiguity, perhaps through use of forms or check lists.

Sydell Zove offered comment supporting the idea of a checklist and uniformity between projects. She was also pleased that the STC would be walking the site at 901 Washington. She appreciates when the public is invited to participate in such walk-throughs of major development projects.

Eli Glick offered public comment regarding work along 607 Stenton Avenue. He believes the Township should require tree protection fencing around two Sweet Gum trees. He offered additional comments regarding the Knolls at Whitemarsh (505 Germantown Pike). Similarly, he believes more effort needs to be taken to ensure tree protection fencing is in place.

Linda Doll offered comment about 505 Germantown and the need to monitor project sites.

Steve Kaughman commented regarding the project at 505 and a need for compliance with the Township ordinance and uniform enforcement.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

The Board thanked the public for their comments, and briefly discussed use of escrow funds as a means to enforce and protect trees being saved in projects that come before the commission.

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ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion by David D'Amore, seconded by Ms. Borkowski, the meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.