



Ms. Wendy Manley requested an “approval contingent upon these changes discussed today.” Mr. D’Amore made a motion to approve the plan with the subsequent changes listed above. Ms. Ashbrook seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **TOWNSHIP ARBORIST UPDATES**

### **1. Allen Property 2318 Hearts Lane**

They are working on a mitigation plan for the heritage trees that have been removed. John spoke with the Landscaper who has submitted at least one species plan that was rejected. No formal plan is ready for tonight.

### **2. Dooley Sheaf Lane?**

Permitted to remove one tree.

### **3. The Hill at Whitemarsh**

John met with them on several occasions to discuss tree protection fence. Allen Myers is managing the site. Their superintendent has been in good contact regarding tree preservation.

### **4. 401 N. Warner Lane**

Heritage Tree removal (in violation). John is working with them on compensation.

### **5. Chapter 55 Revision**

John believes this is imperative, requested an executive session to discuss the matter. EJ had prepared some notes to the existing ordinance. Sean mentioned he had been in touch with EJ and is moving that issue forward. Laura commented that the session is required to be held in public.

### **6. Heritage Tree Application**

Mr. Glick (Whitefield Dr.) had applied for heritage tree status but it was determined the trees did not meet age or size definition.

## **TREE CITY USA Application**

We have not yet applied for TCUSA status. Sean is working with Tom Blomstrom and will have an update by next meeting.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **1. December, 2018 Minutes**

On a motion by Mr. D'Amore, second by Mr. Borowski (4-0), the Commission approved the December 2018 meeting minutes.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Debra Harris (Reading for Eli Glick) – Mr. Glick was disappointed that the January meeting was cancelled. He believes the fee in lieu of funds should be used only for planting of trees. He is pleased to see we will be participating as Tree City USA. He was disappointed his trees were not awarded heritage tree status. He believes they meet the definition of “worthy of preservation because of unusual species, size, rarity, or historical significance...” The application for heritage tree status should be more accessible on the Township’s website.

Debra Harris asked if there was an existing tree plan. She believes Koontz Park could benefit from some tree planting.

Debra Harris made public comment that Whitmarsh should consider a tree adoption program. The STC supported this idea. Debra was requested to write to us with some additional details so the Township could research the matter.

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Zeigler responded to public comment and confirmed it is indeed the Township’s plan to use all fee in lieu of payments exclusively for tree care. The method by which tree age is estimated was discussed. The Board discussed identifying areas where tree planting is needed. Mr. Zeigler confirmed that the website redesign would take form finding into account.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Zeigler, second by Mr. D'Amore it was motioned that the STC adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, February 27, 2019 at 7pm.