



projects that cannot fit more trees on-site, to pay for trees to be planted elsewhere in the township, or care for trees elsewhere in the township.

Steve pointed out that the language used in the draft ordinance was too vague. Steve pointed out that placement of replacement trees on Township-owned property is a must. The Township Arborist reviewed some additional items that he thought especially important; riparian restoration, forest restoration, and protection of watershed. Ms. Ashbrook commented that maintenance of trees and watersheds is also important to include. The additional language was recommended for removal.

Emergency tree removal was discussed. The five-day timeline exists to ensure that property owners alert the Township to heritage trees posing an immediate danger may be removed due to safety concerns. Periods beyond five days could be difficult to review; hence, the five-day reporting requirement. Trees that do not pose an immediate risk must receive a hazard tree removal application. Ms. Ashbrook requested the word “heritage” be added to the ordinance for sake of clarification.

The Commission discussed how residents would be informed of these changes. David asked if this information was included in Whitemarsh Living. Sean reported that WTV is changing its format to provide more informative, shorter videos for residents.

## **PLAN REVIEWS**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – A motion to table the approval of the April 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes was passed. A motion will need to be made to approve those minutes in addition to the May 7<sup>th</sup> Minutes.**

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Eli Glick asked how the new tree replacement formula is calculated. The Township Arborist was asked to provide detail. Eli asked why this draft update does not include a requirement for 100% native species. Steve replied that this is the first time the Shade Tree Commission is reviewing the draft ordinance.

Debra Harris asked if John believed it is possible for the number of trees we could place on Township property could be surpassed and this money could go unused. John replied that is not likely to happen in his lifetime.

## **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

None.

## **SELECTIVE COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE:**

Leigh made a motion to table this discussion until June's meeting. Ms. Borowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

June 4<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting.