

Hanover Township Shade Tree Advisory Board

The monthly meeting of the Shade Tree Advisory Board was held on Monday, June 26, 2023, at 5:30 pm in the general meeting room at the Community Center building. In attendance were Blair Bates, Jane Cook, Michele Kane (new member), Marianne Rivera and Gamini Vedage.

1. The minutes of the May 30, 2023, meeting were approved with no changes.
2. **Park Tree Planting Updates:** Jane reported that Joshua Tree was in the parks this past week to do the heavy, high pruning of dead branches that posed a hazard. The bill of \$2,200 was paid from the Shade Tree budget. She will follow up with Erik Josephson and Marty Limpar about the plans for the Fall tree plantings in the parks.
3. **Missing Street Trees Update:** Marianne reported that Yvonne will be sending out the letters to those addresses that have missing trees with no permit on file, and she will be sending them via certified mail. Yvonne will be using a more stringent follow-up procedure based on Jay Finnigan's directive to use a fining process to get the missing street trees planted by those residents who have been delinquent in doing so. Marianne has offered to assist Yvonne in any way that is needed.
4. **Updates on Township Parks STAB Survey:** Gamini and Blair finished their park surveys and found two trees in Crawford Park (NW corner of Crawford Drive at Harriet Lane that need require professional evaluation and/or major pruning. Jane will forward the info and photos to Marty Limpar for follow-up. Discussion also included the hope of getting a Township Forester on the staff who would be able to deal with the missing street trees and the best procedure to follow to get those trees planted by the residents who have removed them. Even a part-time employee working on this would be a huge help and allow Yvonne to do her job as the Zoning Officer more efficiently.
5. **Update on Plans from Hanover Engineering:** Nate Oiler from RKR Hess gave an overview of the plans for a Behavioral Hospital at Macada Road and Schoenersville Road, the Sketch Plan for which had been discussed at the May STAB meeting. A rep from LVHN, which owns the site, also attended. Following discussion, Jane thanked Mr. Oiler for the information and confirmed that after the Proposal Plan is received by Hanover Engineering, who then will forward it to us, we will review the plans and send a Comment Letter to all concerned. Since there is some question as to whether there is a Woodland area on the existing site, there may be special requirements that come into play if any of that Woodland area is affected by the plans. Mr. Oiler has been in discussion with Yvonne Kutz and the Zoning Hearing Board regarding the proposal.
6. **Old/New Business:**
 - A. Shade Tree flyer: nothing to discuss since the flyer is complete, printed and in use.
 - B. **The next Shade Tree Advisory Board meeting:** The next scheduled meetings will be July 31, August 28, September 25, October 30, and November 27, 2023, at 5:30 pm in the Township meeting room. There is no December meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Jane Cook