

## Hanover Township Shade Tree Advisory Board

The monthly meeting of the Shade Tree Advisory Board was held on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 5:30 pm in the Township office building. In attendance were Michele Kane, Marianne Rivera, and Gamini Vedage.

1. The minutes of the January 2024 meeting were approved with no changes.
2. **Changing from board to a commission:** Marianne explained that this would allow us to have the authority to make decisions and implement changes. We would take over the letter writing about missing trees and would have the authority to talk to residents. The Board of Supervisors will discuss this at their March meeting.
3. **Tree Ordinance revisions/Changes:** This proposal is being held until STAB becomes a commission.
4. **Park Tree Planting and Pruning Update:** Jane and Marty Limpar marked the locations for Erik Josephson to plant the 11 park trees, and that planting will be soon, depending on the weather.
5. **Update on Missing Street Trees:** Marianne and Michele checked Birchwood II in early February. Twelve letters were sent out regarding missing trees and 5 residents requested permits.
6. **Landscape plans from Hanover Engineering:** Blair wrote up the Comment Letter for the Muller/Martini landscape resubmittal, and Jane sent that to Hanover Engineering prior to the Planning Commission meeting in early February.
7. **Community Orchard update:** We discussed starting by planting 4 nut trees, 4 pawpaw trees and 4 elderberry shrubs.
8. **Arbor Day event: Saturday, April 27, 2024** A tree planting ceremony will be held at the Hanover Elementary School at 10:30 am. The rest of the Arbor Day activities will be at the Community Center from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Michele will contact the Arbor Day Foundation to find out about getting free tree seedlings.
9. **New Business:** none
10. **The next Shade Tree Advisory Board meeting:** The next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, March 25, 2024 at 5:30 pm in the Township meeting room.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Michele Kane