

Hanover Township Shade Tree Advisory Board

The monthly meeting of the Shade Tree Advisory Board was held on Monday, March 24, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Township office building. In attendance were Blair Bates, Jane Cook, Brenda Happ, Michele Kane, and Marianne Rivera.

1. Marianne called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The minutes of the February 24, 2025, meeting were approved with no changes by voice vote.
2. **Landscape plans from Hanover Engineering:** Blair received none this month. Discussion included saving existing trees when new development plans are reviewed.
3. **Park Tree Planting:** Marty Limpar and Jane marked the locations for the 11 trees on March 11. Jane drew up the planting location maps and sent them to Erik Josephson. He replied that he has ordered the utility line locators to mark each location. He will be planting them in early April, as soon as the weather is clear.
4. **Arbor Day 2025:** This event will be April 26, with activities for kids, tree and plant info for adults, music, refreshments, and other activities. Jane will have at least one of the trees that Erik Josephson plants this spring be near the Community Center, so that it can be featured at the Arbor Day event. Marianne has contacted the partners who participated in the two prior Arbor Days. Jane will contact Liberty High School to put this event on their Community Service notification board at Liberty and Freedom High Schools so that students interested in getting volunteer hours can assist with the activities, and 12 students are reporting that they will be there to volunteer as needed. Brenda will work on gathering coloring sheets and other craft activities for the kids to use. Marianne will send photos to the Arbor Day Foundation (ABF) of last year's event for use on the ABF website. Brenda will run the Shade Tree Policy and ordinance table. Michele will be at the cupcakes table. Jane will be at the activities table. Blair will be at the Redbud saplings hand-out table. Mark will read the proclamation at the Arbor Day tree commemorative planting site, between the Community Center and the Township building.
5. **Ideas for informational email:** Michele is working on a draft of this document.
6. **Community Class** with Master Gardener Lori Metz on March 13, 6:30 to 8 PM on the topic "Gardening with Songbirds" was very successful! Many residents attended, learning a lot from Lori's presentation and asking questions related to specific gardening issues.

Next Community Class (part 2) will be on May 15 at 6:30 PM with Sue Tantsits from Edge of the Woods. This will be a neighborhood garden walk. Publicity will go out prior to this follow-up class to Sue's "Know Your Backyard" presentation, part one of which was presented last fall in the Community Center.

7. **Meeting with Mark Hudson** on March 20 gave time for the Board to discuss Street Tree ordinance questions and other items regarding the Shade Tree Advisory Board's role.
8. **The next Shade Tree Advisory Board meeting:** The next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, April 28, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Township meeting room.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM.
Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Jane Cook