

## STC Meeting Notes- January 14, 2015

Participants: Jim Faber, Steve Freeman, Ed Hayes, John Kennedy, Anna Nicholaides, Charlie Soboleski, Rita Stevens, Kathy Weir

### **Meeting Highlights:**

Welcome to Jim Faber and Steve Freeman, representing Duke Real Estate Partners LLC; and guest volunteers Ed Hayes and Anna Nicholaides.

1. **STC Advisory Projects-** Reviewed the powers and duties of the STC (Section 42-2 of the township code). Reviewed list of active and anticipated projects for which STC input has been requested. **Action:** Each STC member become familiar with each property on the list.
2. **Switchville Crossing Phase 3 Plan Review-** J. Faber and S. Freeman provided an overview of the Switchville landscape plan. J. Ascenzi, C. Sobolieski and R. provided draft recommendations related to the plan based on their site visit on January 11. Those in attendance discussed and refined these recommendations. **Action:** J. Faber summarize resulting landscape plan for review by STC and township officials.
3. **Spring 2015 Bare Root Tree Sale-** Reviewed ongoing list potential planting sites and associated volunteer groups. Selected 30 trees. **Actions:** R. Stevens/ K. Weir place order with PHS, and advertise availability for residents. C. Soboleski to assess potential planting sites along streets proximate to the former Glenside-Weldon School. STC to refine public space planting plans in February, with guidance from township staff and ASD.
4. **Spring 2015 MTRP Planting Project.** Board of Commissioners approved acceptance of funding on January 8. Discussed critical path timeline. **Actions:** L. Matteo and T. Wehmeyer of the township staff contact property owners adjacent to intended planting sites to align on plans by early February. R. Stevens offer 2 Eagle Scout Project opportunities related to planting and establishment portions of this project.
5. **Street Tree Maintenance-** Deferred this topic until February meeting
6. **Briar Bush Nature Center/ PHS Partnership.** BBNC will highlight trees during 2015, and co-promote STC and PHS activities. **Action:** STC members promote and encourage the Tree Tenders Training to be held at AFS May 5, 12 and 19. Sign up through the PHS web site
7. **Zoning Ordinance.** Confirmed that the November 2014 is the most recent version, and that review is underway **Action:** STC to finalize the referenced plant list early in 2015.
8. **Tree City USA / 2014 Accomplishment / 2015 Plans.** Briefly reviewed and reflected on accomplishments, needs, resources and plans for 2015. **Action:** Review and continue to refine. R. Stevens prepare and present the STC annual report in advance of Arbor Day.

**Next Meeting: February 11, 7:30 PM , Grove House**

**Key Dates in 2015**

• **Monthly Meeting at Grove Park**

2nd Wednesday of each month, 7:30 to 9:00 PM

• **The Spring Bare Root Tree**

**Anticipating due date of February 9. We are hoping to get the application out by early January**

Delivery date and associated planting date TBD

• **Arbor Day Celebration and Watercolor Workshop at Grove Park**

April 25-26, 2015

• **PHS Tree Tenders classes at Abington Friends School**

May 5, 12 and 19 from 6:00-9:00 PM (pizza at 5:45 PM)

• **STC Let's Talk Trees series at the Abington Free Library**

September 21 and October 5, 2015, 7:00 to 8:30 PM

• **TD Bank Green Streets Project**

Awaiting announcement of award- April 2015

If successful, plant fall of 2015