

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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HAMILTON TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION **MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026**

Statement of the Chairman

"This meeting is being held with the benefit of public notice as required by the Open Public Meetings Act."

A. Meeting to be called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call (P-Present X- Absent)

Commission

 P Clinton Griggs

 P Ed Oravsky

 X Jim Hunter

 X Nancy Phillips

 P Robert Popert

Meet New Shade Tree Secretary Sara Pavics

B. Distributed Minutes from November

C. Old Business:

1. Meet & Great Brian Boyer
 - i. Brian will not be joining the Shade Tree Commission at this time
2. Collaboration with Environmental Commission & Administration for planting 250 trees next year to celebrate country's 250th birthday
 - i. Currently we have 120 curb side tree requests that could be taken into consideration for the 250 plantings
 - ii. The remaining 130 trees we were possibly thinking of have 60 planted at the new municipal building or a few at Crockett Middle School as they are looking for more shade in the fields.
 - iii. Clint has submitted a tag proposal to show the tree is for the 250th birthday however, administration is thinking more of a plaque for each tree. Our worry would be cost – Bianca is going to have Ava work on tag designs to assist, and we will follow up before next meeting
 - iv. Clint is worried about tree maintenance, vandalism, and liability for the plaques

- v. Even though the administration suggests Shade Tree taking on the role for the 250th birthday with the trees, there have been rumors that this could be a separate committee
- vi. The tree size will be 1¾" to 2"
- vii. The tree bid will take place in July however; Clint is wondering if we could do that's sooner so planting could take place in August
- viii. When will advertising for the trees take place as the commission has seen nothing from the administration in backing this
- ix. For the ground plaques they are said to be \$150-\$200 however, the commission is worried of this price especially if it is needed for all 250 trees
- x. Trees don't need to be native however, the commission should have an input into what type of trees should be planted where
 - Evergreens in August
- xi. Commission would like to come up with three plans start to finish of this project to present to the administration and see which path they would like to take
 - Tag option – who, what, when, trees, locations
 - Plaque option – who, what, when, trees, locations
 - (still need a third option) – who, what, when, trees, locations
- xii. Suggest maybe a ribbon around the trees (for example yellow ribbons we have seen before in town)
- xiii. Locations to look for proto-types of plaques or tags
 - Longwood Gardens
 - Brooklyn Botanical Gardens
- xiv. Bianca Suggest Public Works can make the Tag/Plaque to help with cost if needed
- xv. Efforts for all pieces need to be put into motion sooner rather than later as it is the end of January and no solid plan has been decided

D. New Business:

- 1. New tree ordinance fact sheet for residential
 - i. Show the biggest change to private property owners
 - ii. Barlet tree called – they are aware of the ordinance
 - iii. Rob will finish the fact sheet
- 2. Talked about need to file our applications for Tree City USA for 2025 and or Annual Accomplishment report for 2025

This meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.