

West Windsor Township Shade Tree Commission
Regular Meeting of Wednesday, April 22, 2026
Official Minutes

I. Call to Order and Statement of Adequate Notice: Township Landscape Architect, Alisa Stanislaw called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

II. Roll Call: Rancan, Mixson, Raday and Clancey. Quorum achieved. Attendees: Chair Helen Rancan, Vice Chair Farryl Mixson, Committee Members: Ellen Clancey and Jill Raday; Township Landscape Architect Alisa Stanislaw, STC Advisor Michael Schuit and Township Council Liaison Linda Geevers

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes March 25, 2026 Motion to approve: Mixson. Second: Clancey and all in favor

IV. Old Business

- Permit Application counts to date under Chapter 170- April 3 YTD 14
- Community Forestry Management Plan (CFMP) update and 2026 schedule: STC member review CFMP guidelines dated Jan 2024, the 2/19/2026 working draft of Dan Dobromilsky, consultant.
- Bamboo Ordinance under review by Township Engineer, Francis Guzik and there are concerns of the certificate of occupancy as related to bamboo on private properties
- Arbor Day 2026 Revolutionary Roots post event update and recommendations: Overall, there was an excellent turnout and due to the weather it was held in the WW Senior Center. The passing of STC member Dana Garcia was acknowledged during the opening ceremony.
- A White Oak Tree was planted in honor of Revolutionary Hero, General Hugh Mercer at Ron Rogers Arboretum prior to Arbor Day for the 250th anniversary of Independence day.
- Recommendations for Arbor day art contest: we will identify on submission form no repeat entries (previous years' art submissions, sent in subsequent years regardless of theme), no AI generated drawings, and that the submission must be theme related.
- Tree Purchase Update post STC meeting: The DPW can dig the holes before a projected planting date of 6/13/26 and STC members will look at stakeout locations between 6/8 → 6/11.
- Date for Shade Tree Commission Presentation to the council

V. New Business

WW Lions Club to plant a Red Oak tree in honor of Ronald Rogers at the arboretum in the near future

Scheduled STC Meeting Dates identified: 5/27/2026; 6/24/2026; 7/22/2026; 8/26/2026; 9/23/2026; 10/28/2026; 11/25/26; 12/23/26

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