

A **summary** of the key points from the June 30, 2025, **Shade Tree Advisory Board meeting**:

Meeting Administration

- Members present: Marianne Rivera, Blair Bates, Jane Cook, Michele Kane, Brenda Happ; Resident present: Glynis Daniels
 - **Minutes** were reviewed and approved following motion by Blair, seconded by Michele.
 - **Brenda** took over as note-taker since she arrived early; she'll send the minutes to the group for input.
 - Future updates or meeting changes will be sent by **4:00 PM via email**—no more texting.
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Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) Discussion

- Glynis Daniels proposed starting an **Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)** in Hanover Township.
 - Other local EACs (e.g., Whitehall, Lower Saucon) were discussed as models.
 - Vision includes: reviewing ordinances, hosting open community meetings, promoting sustainability (e.g., wildflowers, rain gardens), and applying for environmental grants.
 - **Susan Lawless** has also shown interest and has applied for related grants in the past.
 - Consensus: start by connecting with Susan and possibly hold a **community meeting** to generate support and define structure.
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Related Environmental Initiatives

- Past ideas like a **community orchard** didn't gain support due to concerns about mess and maintenance.
 - Encouragement to work with local resources like **the Quaker Meeting** and **youth programs** to promote sustainable practices (e.g., lawn alternatives).
 - Suggestion to use messaging in newsletter articles around butterflies and flowers to gain community interest in environmental topics.
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Street Tree Program

- **Pointe North neighborhood**: 7 properties missing 10 trees; new, nicer letter being sent to homeowners with 6-month replacement window.
- Letters need **Mark's approval** and must include **Tracy's name** for complaints.

- A separate issue with a **real estate property** missing a tree will be handled through Tracy and the realtor.
 - **Birchwood**: 13 trees replaced; one non-compliant homeowner remains.
 - Committee urges follow-through on citations for ordinance violations.
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Other Updates

- **Landscape plans**: Blair received none this month
 - **Mulch maintenance**: Tree bases need mulch pulled back (~3 inches); this will be scheduled for the STAB **September** meeting due to summer heat.
 - **Newsletter** was published, including the committee's article and a relevant photo.
 - **Behavioral health site**: Construction ongoing; tree checks will be scheduled once planting is complete.
 - Committee cleaned up and organized old plans, which are now centrally stored.
 - **Marty Limpar** (Public Works) supports volunteers helping with mulch and new swale maintenance; communication with him will continue as needed.
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Next Meeting

- **July 28th** at 6:00 PM confirmed..
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