

**COLLEGE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING  
ORDINANCE O-16-01, HERITAGE TREES**

**Thursday, January 21, 2016**

**7:00 PM**

**1481 E. College Avenue, State College, Pennsylvania**

**ATTENDED BY:**

**COUNCIL:**

Lynn B. Herman, Chair  
D. Richard Francke, Vice Chair  
Carla Stilson  
L. Eric Bernier  
Steven J. Lyncha

**STAFF:**

Adam T. Brumbaugh, Township Manager/Secretary  
Kent N. Baker, Township Engineer  
Mark Gabrovsek, Zoning Officer  
Mark Holdren, CRPA Sr. Planner  
Mary E. Wilson, Asst. Township Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Herman called to order at 7:00 PM the duly advertised January 21, 2016, College Township Public Hearing on Ordinance O-16-01, Heritage Trees, and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Mark Holdren, CRPA Sr. Planner, stated that this ordinance proposes to amend the Township Code to require notification of the pending removal of large trees in districts or sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the creation of a Heritage Tree Program to allow property owners to voluntarily preserve their large trees. The intent of this ordinance is to recognize, foster appreciation of, and protect large shade trees. It is furthermore the intention of this ordinance to provide awareness of the benefits of protecting trees, as they provide shade, wildlife habitat, counteract pollutants, and decrease wind velocities and noise.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ms. Sue Smith, Dale Street, spoke in support of the proposed ordinance and added that property owners can voluntarily apply for a Heritage Tree designation as a way to save their qualifying trees.

Dr. Ron Smith, Dale Street, expressed support for the proposed ordinance as a way to save historic trees from being removed, such as a giant burr that was removed in 2015 in Lemont.

**Mr. Bernier moved to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance O-16-01, Heritage Trees.  
Mr. Francke seconded the motion.  
Motion carried unanimously.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Herman adjourned the January 21, 2016, Public Hearing on Ordinance O-16-01, Heritage Trees, at 7:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Adam T. Brumbaugh*

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