



SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

To: Zoning Board

Re: The Malvern School Properties, LP

Date: May 16, 2023

The Shade Tree Committee thanks the applicant for removing the non-native shade trees from the planting plan and replacing them with native species. We were especially pleased to see that disease-resistant American elms will be planted.

However, the Committee was quite aghast to see that 96 trees are being removed on the property, including 7 trees that are at least 3 feet in diameter. It would be helpful for the plans to show the names of the trees slated for removal, so perhaps especially large valuable specimen trees could possibly be saved.

It is unclear whether the applicant has met the Township's requirement of 14 trees per acre (per Ordinance 16-5.6d3), since it is impossible to tell which of the evergreen trees qualify as buffer trees.

If the applicant has not met the 14 tree per acre requirement, but is granted relief from planting the required number of trees, the applicant should: 1) install the remaining number of trees on public property, as directed by the Township landscape architect, or 2) contribute to the Montgomery Township Tree Replacement Fund, per Land Development Ordinance Amendment #09-1340.

One other very important point: Where are the trees to provide shade for the children in the various playground areas?! Surely these should be a priority.