

SEPTA'S TREE PLAN CRITICIZED

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Cheltenham Township officials have suggested that SEPTA return to the drawing board and come up with a taller and thicker way to replace the trees its contractors took down near the Jenkintown-Wyncote train station's parking lot.

At a meeting Friday, Tim Darabreiner, SEPTA's government relations representative, met with township officials and residents of Cliff Terrace, who contend that the loss of about a dozen mature trees left them with a clear view of parked cars, trains and lights.

Darabreiner said Tuesday that he proposed planting nine white pines in a triangular area just south of a bridge that spans the creek running along the east side of Glenside Avenue. The trees would be 8 feet tall initially and grow to 18 feet.

He also proposed putting in 20 arborvitae, another evergreen, along the bank of the creek, extending along the southern border of the parking lot. Those trees would start off 4 to 5 feet tall and grow to 16 feet.

David Kraynik, the assistant township manager, said the proposal "isn't acceptable to the township and the neighbors." It wouldn't screen the lights

from the residents or block their view of the parking lot, he said. He said leafier and taller trees were needed.

SEPTA will consider some suggestions made by the residents and township officials, Darabreiner said. He said the trees were removed by workers from the Asplundh Tree Expert Co. on Jan. 30. SEPTA had determined the trees could fall on top of cars and that it would be liable for such occurrences. Within two weeks, SEPTA officials will contact the township with an alternate plan, Kraynik said.

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