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MINUTES

Lawrence Township Shade Tree Advisory Committee

April 26, 2010

Members Present: Carmine Di Sanzo, Alvin Geser, Doris Weisberg, and Edward Sproles.

Members Absent: Rosemarie Clark.

Others Present: Mayor Michael Powers, Council Liaison, Andrew Link, Staff Liaison, Harold Vereen, Robin Murray, John Gaskins, and Terasita Bastides-Heron.

Chairman Di Sanzo convened the meeting at 7:30 PM.

- Harold Vereen and Robin Murray gave an update on Heritage Park at Eggerts Crossing Village. They requested that the Committee support their request that the Township fund the planting of eight crabapples and four white pines.
- Alvin Geser moved that the committee should recommend to Council through Mayor Powers that the Township provide the requested planting. The Committee unanimously supported the motion.
- Doris Weisberg said that a video should be made of the volunteers making improvements to the park and used in publicizing it.
- The February and March minutes were approved.
- Terasita Bastides-Heron discussed her efforts to publicize the Earth Day program at the Nature Center. She recommended better signage on Route 206 and getting Rider University involved. John Gaskins from GEPNA and Friends of the Lawrence Nature Center suggested that the event be moved to the weekend before Earth Day so that it competes less with other events. Councilman Powers said that any weekend in April will have a lot going on. He also said that the Shade Tree Advisory Committee may be asked to become involved in putting on the event.
- Chairman Di Sanzo said that about fifty of the 98 tube seedlings were given out. He is holding the rest for Arbor Day.
- Mayor Powers recommended that the Committee send a representative to the May 3rd Planning Board meeting where the sustainable element to the master plan will be considered for adoption. Mayor Powers is concerned that solar and wind installations will be given a green light to the exclusion of trees.
- Mayor Powers said that the Council discussion of changes to the tree ordinance needs to wait until the budget issues are worked out.
- Ms. Weisberg said that the existing memorial tree ordinance is suitable since it may receive unlimited donations for unspecified purposes.
- The year-end report has been submitted to Council and is posted on the website.
- The Arbor Day planting will be planned for Heritage Park.

- Edward Sproles reported on the West Windsor Arbor Day program and their arboretum.
- The Committee reviewed the Britton Industries site plan for Baker's Basin and Basin Roads.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Andrew Link
Principal Planner