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MINUTES

Lawrence Township Shade Tree Advisory Committee

February 22, 2010

Members Present: Carmine Di Sanzo, Rosemarie Clark, Alvin Geser, Edward Sproles and Doris Weisberg.
Members Absent: Stacy McCormack
Others Present: none

Chairman Di Sanzo convened the meeting at 7:35 PM.

- The January minutes were approved.
- The chairman distributed certificates of appreciation to members who completed a term of appointment at the end of 2009.
- Last month Chairman Di Sanzo provided a draft report to Council. He is expecting some additional comments from A. Link. There was also discussion of presenting the report to council which Mayor Powers would help in scheduling.
- No further work on the tree ordinance at this meeting. The committee is awaiting reports from Mayor Powers on the status of possible input from Planning board as mentioned last month.
- As a result of last month's discussion of memorial trees, Doris Weisberg investigated other municipal programs for memorial trees. Based on research on the internet, a number of municipalities offer residents the opportunity to purchase trees to be planted in honor or memory of persons or events. One complication is a restriction that prevents residents from paying the township for planting a tree. A likely solution would be the use of a 501c3 organization to receive the funds and pay the township. The details would be worked out by the township attorney and manager. The Carson Road Woods group is an example of a "friends group". The Township has worked in the past with organizations such as the Carson Road Woods group and the Greenway Trust. Doris will write up her findings and thoughts on the subject and send to Andy and Carmine before the next meeting.
- The committee is expecting a report from Mayor Powers on the possibility of conducting an Arbor Day tree planting with Ben Franklin Elementary School.
- There was discussion of improving the committee information on the township website. The members agreed to look at the present site and bring recommendations to the next meeting.
- The committee reviewed a site plan for Special Olympics New Jersey Turf Field. Chairman Di Sanzo will send comments to Andy.
- Chairman Di Sanzo challenged the committee to develop ways of increasing the visibility of the committee. Suggestions include taking photos at events for submission to local

papers, and writing up reports of events, publicizing events in advance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward Sproles