

TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE

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MINUTES

Revised

Lawrence Township Shade Tree Advisory Committee

June 29, 2010

Members Present: Carmine Di Sanzo, Rosemarie Clark, Alvin Geser, and Edward Sproles.

Members Absent: Doris Weisberg.

Others Present: Andrew Link, Staff Liaison

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

- The May minutes were approved.
- A Heritage River Birch was planted in Heritage Park at the end of Johnson Ave. to mark Arbor Day. The Eggerts Crossing Civic League was in attendance.
- Chairman Di Sanzo said that enforcement of the existing tree ordinance should be the first priority. The ordinance can be improved to save more trees by redefining the minimum diameter of a specimen tree. Fines can also be increased. Sufficient numbers of replacements need to be supplied when removals are necessary.
- The committee would like to see the minutes reflect the items discussed and what was resolved.
- Rosemarie Clark will draft a handout for Community Day to promote contributions for memorial trees. She would like to get the word out to cherish trees. The Committee will identify spots for specific memorial trees or groves of trees. A plaque identifying the person being remembered and information about the tree may be part of the memorial.
- Chairman Di Sanzo will do a companion piece on the value of trees.
- The Committee would like to honor the owner of the White Oak at 364 Cold Soil Road for his efforts to preserve the tree and to recognize the tree as one of the major specimens in the Township. Alvin Geser moved that the STAC arrange to honor the tree and the owner. The motion was unanimously approved. The committee envisions putting together a proclamation to be presented by Mayor Powers and the Committee. Senator Shirley Turner (who previously issued a similar proclamation), and other officials would be invited.
- There were no site plans to review. The members will be e-mailed with information on site plans so that they may visit the site prior to reviewing the plans.
- The Committee canceled the August meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Andrew Link
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