

# TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE

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## MINUTES

### Lawrence Township Shade Tree Advisory Committee

February 28, 2011

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

Members Absent: Janet Kane.

Others Present: Andrew Link, Staff Liaison

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

- The January minutes were approved.
- The annual report prepared by Chairman Di Sanzo was approved to be sent to Council and to be posted on the website.
- Andrew Link said that he contacted the St Louis City department that prepared the "Tree-Membrance Program" that Chairman Di Sanzo had put forward as an example. They use a plastic tag with the donor information that is attached to a tree limb. They have a contract with a nursery to supply trees. Janet Kane provided, via e-mail, information on the Middleton, Wisconsin program. She emphasized that you need to make the donors aware that sometimes the trees die. St. Louis offers a five-year replacement guarantee. The Committee would like to see the name of the tree included. There was a discussion of options to identify the type of display. Chairman Di Sanzo will check into it. Edward Sproles will prepare a draft of an application. Mr. Link will identify locations to plant trees.
- Doris Weisberg will ask Councilman Powers about talking to the principal of the Lawrenceville Elementary School regarding a school program for Arbor Day. Mr. Link will make arrangements for a tree planting to continue the row initiated along Craven Lane.
- Chairman Di Sanzo handed out an action item list based on the Jackson Township tree ordinance. The Committee will compare the Township ordinance to Jackson's ordinance at the next meeting.
- The proposal to make the membership changes is on the Council agenda.
- Ms. Weisberg, with the Committee's concurrence, is interested in getting all of the municipalities in Mercer County into the Tree City program. She believes that would make Mercer County the first in New Jersey to do so. Hightstown, Ewing, Robbinsville, and Hopewell Township apparently are not in the program.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. Andrew Link  
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