

TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE

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MINUTES

Lawrence Township Shade Tree Advisory Committee

June 27, 2011

Members Present: Carmine Di Sanzo, Janet Kane, Alvin Geser, and Rosemarie Clark

Members Absent: Doris Weisberg and Edward Sproles.

Others Present: Andrew Link, Staff Liaison and Judy Bubar

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

- The May minutes were approved.
- Rosemarie Clark reported on markers in Marquand Park. She participated in a tour conducted by the joint shade tree commissions of Princeton Borough and Princeton Township. They no longer use free standing markers. Ms. Clark took photographs of the markers attached directly to the trees and to benches. They discontinued their memorial tree program. The donors became upset if the trees died. They now have memorial benches.
- There was a discussion of the possibility of doing a similar tour. The only comparable site in Lawrence Township is the Lawrenceville School which is private property. Janet Kane mentioned that the Nature Center has some plantings identified.
- There was a discussion of tree education efforts. Ms. Kane identified the library, the senior center, and the municipal building as venues to distribute material. Chairman Di Sanzo proposed a newspaper insert if the cost is not prohibitive. Judy Bubar suggested a one-third sheet insert with the August tax bills.
- Ms. Kane put forth the idea of having one central display recognizing tree donors instead of marking the trees individually.
- Chairman Di Sanzo asked Ms. Clark to compile ideas on education.
- Chairman Di Sanzo said that since there is no money for an inventory or planting and there is no staff to enforce a stricter ordinance, the focus should be on saving what we have.
- Ms. Clark suggested asking scouts to do a tree inventory.
- Chairman Di Sanzo wants to work with tree companies to make them aware of the ordinance.
- Ms. Clark proposed a review of permits and how many are issued.

- Ms. Bubar said that if real estate agents are informed of tree removal restrictions, they could better guide their clients. They could discourage people from buying a house with the intention of removing existing trees.
- Ms. Bubar said that many residents are mulching their trees incorrectly. She distributed copies of two mulching fact sheets. She will look into getting TV coverage of the problem.
- Ms. Kane proposed starting with organized groups to get the word out.
- Ms. Bubar said that having a slide presentation would be useful.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Andrew Link
Principal Planner