

TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE

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MINUTES

Lawrence Township Shade Tree Advisory Committee

March 28, 2011

Members Present: Carmine Di Sanzo, Doris Weisberg, Janet Kane, and Edward Sproles.
Members Absent: Alvin Geser, Rosemarie Clark
Others Present: Andrew Link, Staff Liaison

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

- The February minutes were approved.
- Vice Chairman Sproles presented a draft memorial tree information program and order form. Some examples of tree types will be added. Chairman Di Sanzo presented some information that he has gathered on plaques to accompany the trees. Andrew Link advised against anything that will require that the grass be trimmed around it. Chairman Di Sanzo said that he prefers something flush with the ground surface rather than something attached to the tree. The high school memorial tree grove will be checked to see how they were handled. West Windsor uses inscribed pavers in the walk in their arboretum. The Committee will give the type of marker some more consideration. Doris Weisberg suggested that the Township might have some legal obligation to replace a memorial tree if it is damaged or dies so that should be cleared by the Township attorney.
- Mr. Link has arranged for a tree to be planted along Craven Lane at the elementary school. Ms. Weisberg will ask Councilman Powers about talking to the school officials regarding a program for Arbor Day.
- Chairman Di Sanzo said that enforcement of our tree ordinance is critical. Ms. Weisberg said that public awareness is very important. Chairman Di Sanzo suggested that it be included in the Township calendar. Ms. Weisberg said she would talk to Steve Groeger and see if it can be done.
- The Committee voted unanimously to adopt a Community Forestry Canopy Goal of 36%. Chairman Di Sanzo made the motion for adoption and Ms. Weisberg seconded. This, along with the approved management plan, will be submitted for points with Sustainable Jersey. Mr. Sproles pointed out that it was unclear how existing preserved farmland was handled in the calculation. Ms. Weisberg said that this goal is in line with the Committee's efforts and may be helpful in getting grants and giving the Planning and Zoning Boards leverage when they review applications.
- The Committee reviewed a West Long Drive subdivision and had no comments.
- Chairman Di Sanzo will man a table at the Mother Nature Celebration at the Nature Center on May 7.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Andrew Link
Principal Planner