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MINUTES

Lawrence Township Shade Tree Advisory Committee

April 23, 2012

Members Present: Carmine Di Sanzo, Rosemarie Clark,
Janet Kane, Judy Bubar
Members Absent: Edward Sproles, Doris Weisberg
Others Present: Councilman Michael Powers.
Others Absent: Andrew Link, Staff Liaison

Chairman Di Sanzo convened the meeting at 7:15 PM.

- The March minutes were approved.
- The resubmitted site plan for Muller Automotive, Inc. (Lawrence Toyota) was reviewed. Since there were no changes in the landscape section of the plan, the Committee reaffirmed the comments previously made during the March, 2012 meeting.
- Ms. Kane reminded the Committee of the walk sponsored by the Nature Center and the Shade Tree Advisory Committee taking place on April 27, 2012 at 6:30 PM. Members of the Committee will participate in this event. Chairman Di Sanzo will exhibit a number of posters and brochures dealing with tree planting and maintenance. Councilman Powers suggested that the Committee could also seek the participation in events sponsored by the County Extension Service located in Lawrenceville,
- Councilman Powers reported that the Nature Center (Teresita) invited the Committee to participate to the Mother Earth Festival on May 12. Teresita will contact Chairman Di Sanzo.
- Members of the Committee will attend Arbor Day ceremony scheduled for at the Lawrenceville Elementary School. Chairman Di Sanzo thanked Councilman Powers for arranging this event.
- Ms. Kane passed around a devise to permanently attach a tag to memorial trees. The devise is actually a kit which includes a spring to allow for a tree growth.
- Councilman Powers will check with the Ecological Center if the facilities allow for the distribution of the brochure on mulching.
- Ms. Kane and Chairman Di Sanzo are working on the educational power point

presentation for Lawrence residents. They also set-up a display of several tree brochures at the Mercer County Library in Lawrenceville. Negotiations are underway for a poster display and for a formal presentation tentatively scheduled for October, 2012.

- In order to save money, Ms. Bubar discussed an alternative for collection of leaves and grass clippings. Councilman Powers pointed out that those alternatives had already been examined and that the present system appears satisfactory.
- Chairman Di Sanzo asked for a revision of the Tree Ordinance which appears to contradict the present program and goals of The Shade Tree advisory Committee. Councilman Powers said that at the present time there are no resources for amending the Ordinance. In the meantime, he recommended looking to the sustainable element covered in the Master Plan to see if our concerns are covered there.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carmine Di Sanzo, Chairman