

TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE

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MINUTES

Lawrence Township Shade Tree Advisory Committee

March 26, 2012

Members Present: Carmine Di Sanzo, Judy Bubar, Janet Kane, Rosemarie Clark, Doris Weisberg and Edward Sproles.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Andrew Link, Staff Liaison

Chairman Di Sanzo convened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

- The February 2012 minutes were approved as amended.
- The Committee reviewed applications from Ferber Construction Management, LLC, Muller Automotive, and First Baptist Church.
- Councilman Powers talked with the School Superintendent. She will talk to the Principal and others but she feels it will be OK to repeat the program at the Lawrenceville Elementary School. Andrew Link will arrange for the tree planting.
- Janet Kane reported on the Nature Center activities. The Committee will distribute the flyer if the Nature Center wishes them to do it. Chairman Di Sanzo will work with Ms. Kane in regard to showing the Arbor Day DVD. The tree identifications are almost done.
- Chairman Di Sanzo brought in the literature rack that he made for the Library.
- There was nothing new to report regarding memorial trees.
- Chairman Di Sanzo will look into why the press release on tree issues was not picked up by any additional publications.
- Chairman Di Sanzo wants to hold sending a letter to all of the tree companies to inform them of our ordinance. His concern is that the ordinance allows too much cutting.
- Mr. Link said that he checked with the Construction Office and they do not give out information on the tree ordinance to people applying for construction permits.
- Ms. Kane will continue working on the power point presentation. The Committee agreed to provide a program at the Library on September 20, 2012. Ms. Kane will check to see if the Library is interested in displaying tree posters that Chairman Di Sanzo has acquired.
- The year end report was sent to Council.

- Mr. Link said that the Township has been awarded a Green Communities grant for the purpose of hiring a consultant to guide the preparation of the next five-year Community Forestry Management Plan. The Committee was satisfied with the consultant who had prepared the previous two plans.
- The Committee noted that their informational piece was not included in the calendar.
- The Committee will continue its review the tree ordinance. The Committee was in agreement and this can be included as one of the goals in the management plan.
- Chairman Di Sanzo made changes to the brochure that highlights the benefits of trees and the Committee's function.
- Judy Bubar suggested reducing the Township's cost of leaf pick up by using mulching mowers and discharging the clippings directly onto planting beds. She will put her proposal in writing.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Andrew Link
Principal Planner