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MINUTES

Lawrence Township Shade Tree Advisory Committee

December 22, 2014

Members Present: Carmine Di Sanzo, Judy Bubar, David Bosted, and Doris Weisberg.
Members Absent: Edward Sproles
Others Present: Councilman Michael Powers, John Waaben, Eric Reitz, Ben Reitz, and Andrew Link, Staff Liaison

Chairman Di Sanzo convened the meeting at 7:10 PM.

- The 2014 October minutes were approved as amended.
- Ben Reitz and his father Eric Reitz attended the meeting. Ben Reitz presented his Eagle Scout proposal to continue the line of Metasequoia by planting an additional six trees. Chairman Di Sanzo and Councilman Powers supported the project. Chairman Di Sanzo would like to see the trees planted on the opposite side which would require extensive clearing of existing vegetation. David Bosted moved to have the Committee support the proposal. Chairman Di Sanzo seconded. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.
- The Scout will need to raise funds to purchase the trees. The previous trees were donated by a nursery that was going out of business. He is looking to do the planting in April.
- The Committee discussed using the planting as part of an Arbor Day program. A van tour could be offered stopping at several sites such as the early Brunswick Ave. planting, the Princeton Pike planting, the Brearley Oak, and ending up at the memorial tree site. Without the participation of school children, the van tour would contribute participants. The press would be invited to accompany the group. Chairman Di Sanzo said a planting demonstration might also be included.
- Mr. Bosted proposed carrying the trail around the perimeter of the meadow and along Princeton Pike to create a loop. White Pines could be used to screen the road.
- The Committee reviewed the Major Site Plan Application No. ZB-4/14 for Spruce Street Partners, LLC. 1060 Spruce Street. The Committee was concerned that ample growing space be given to the proposed trees.
- Chairman Di Sanzo is continuing to identify potential planting spaces along Route 206.
- The website was discussed as a venue to post a newsletter or photographs. Councilman Powers will inquire about the number of hits the site gets.

- Councilman Powers suggested to Chairman Di Sanzo to include in the annual report to Council his request for volunteers to conduct a tree inventory.
- Mr. Bosted asked if working with Rider University to get certification as an arboretum could be included as an objective for 2015. He said that Aldo Leopold used the area for his studies while he was a student at the Lawrenceville School. Councilman Powers said he will be meeting with the outgoing Rider President and he will bring up the idea.
- Doris Weisberg has recruited a new member for Council to consider for appointment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Andrew Link
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