

TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE

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MINUTES

Lawrence Township Shade Tree Advisory Committee

July 28, 2014

Members Present: Carmine Di Sanzo, Janet Kane, Doris Weisberg, Dave Bosted, and Edward Sproles.

Others Present: Councilman Mike Powers and Nick Bosted

Members Absent: Judy Bubar

Others Absent: Andrew Link, Staff Liaison

Chairman Di Sanzo convened the meeting at 7:05 PM.

- The June 2014 minutes were approved.
- There were no site plans to be reviewed,
- The Boy Scouts approved the memorial tree project. The proposal will be signed by the STAC chairman. Planting could occur in the fall of 2014
- Chairman Di Sanzo took a quick survey of three planting sites on the State Road 206 through the Township and estimated there is space to accommodate about 40 street trees. He suggested looking again to identify specific sites.
- The establishment of a Newsletter was discussed. It was proposed to publish three newsletters per year in the spring, fall and winter. Janet Kane will search for topics and present an outline. Chairman Di Sanzo, based on information obtained from Andy Link, reported that the Committee may use the Township constant contact e-mail system to make people aware that the newsletter is available for reviewing on the website, Councilman Powers would see if the Township website could be improved to accelerate communication.
- A potential Van Tour was of interest to the Committee, An Itinerary would have to be established including significant street trees, recent planning and specimen trees. The tour should last about an hour. This topic will be discussed with Andy Link when he returns.
- Dave Bosted had proposed a tour of mature trees at Society Hill. Although a planting plan is not available, the tour could still take place.
- The Committee would like to engage voluntary help for some functions such as a tree inventory. There are web sites where voluntary work could be advertised.
- A discussion was centered about mature trees removal at Princeton Pike to

allow for road expansion due to BMS construction. According to a report from Andy Link, the plans have already been approved and it is too late for the Committee to comment for their preservation, The Committee, however, considers it a significant loss of canopy for the Township and recommends reconsidering the issue and at least planting new trees when the construction has been completed.

- As an education event, the Committee has been considering a fall tree planting demonstration. It was suggested that this could take place at Community day in October.
Councilman Powers will look into the feasibility of this event.
The Forestry Management Plan for the next five years was approved May 8.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Chairman

Carmine Di Sanzo