

TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE

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MINUTES

Lawrence Township Shade Tree Advisory Committee

June 23, 2014

Members Present: Carmine Di Sanzo, Edward Sproles, Judy Bubar, David Bosted, and Janet Kane.
Members Absent: Doris Weisberg
Others Present: Andrew Link, Staff Liaison

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

- The 2014 April minutes were approved as amended.
- The Committee will see if they can develop a list of destinations that would lend itself to a van tour and a self-guided tour.
- The Committee will look into conducting a tree planting demonstration in the fall.
- The Committee will continue to develop a quarterly newsletter program. Andrew Link will check into using Township resources to disseminate the information.
- David Bosted presented an idea of highlighting Rider University's campus trees as an arboretum. The Committee will take a look at the trees and see if this is something that could be pursued.
- Mr. Bosted offered to conduct a tour of the Gordon Avenue Society Hill to demonstrate the results of a maturing landscape installation. Mr. Link will see if the Township has the planting plans.
- Mr. Bosted said that the farm stand owner on Princeton Pike said that the plans for the development of the Bristol-Myers Squibb site called for the removal of the line of mature Oak trees by his stand. The Committee examined the plans and noted that there were road improvements in the area but it was unclear if the trees were to be removed. The Committee will take a look at the trees. Chairman Di Sanzo would like to see replacements installed if the trees are removed.
- Mr. Bosted said that he hasn't heard anything from John Waaben about his Boy Scout project. He will inquire to see what plans are being made for the fall.
- Mr. Bosted said that he transplanted one volunteer Metasequoia along the path in the Dyson Trust park.
- Chairman Di Sanzo observed that attendance at the Mother Nature Festival has fallen off. The video was shown but the only the laptop speaker was available which was insufficient.

- Judy Bubar identified an Oak at the municipal building that is in poor condition. She also noted that mulch had been piled against the circular iron bench which will cause it to rust.
- Chairman Di Sanzo suggested getting volunteers to help identify important trees in the Township.
- Mr. Link reported that the County has no plans to plant in their rights-of-way. Chairman Di Sanzo will look into the possibilities of planting in the 35 mph stretches of State Route 206.
- Janet Kane's article was picked up by the Ledger and the Sun.
- Mr. Link said that the Township has not experienced many illegal tree removals in the past several years. In those instances where trees were removed illegally it was done by a fly-by-night outfit. The Committee will remain observant for violations.
- Chairman Di Sanzo moved to cancel the August meeting and Ed Sproles seconded. The Committee voted unanimously to cancel the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Andrew Link
Principal Planner