

TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE

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MINUTES

Lawrence Township Shade Tree Advisory Committee

February 23, 2015

Members Present: Carmine Di Sanzo, David Bosted, Sheila Grant, and Edward Sproles.

Members Absent: Judy Bubar, Doris Weisberg

Others Present: Councilman Michael Powers, Eric Reitz, Ben Reitz, and Andrew Link, Staff Liaison

Andrew Link convened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

- Election of officers was held. David Bosted nominated Carmine Di Sanzo for Chairman. Edward Sproles seconded the nomination. Mr. Di Sanzo was unanimously reelected Chairman. Mr. Sproles nominated David Bosted for Vice-Chairman. Chairman Di Sanzo seconded. Mr. Bosted was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman.
- The 2014 December minutes were approved as amended.
- Ben Reitz proposed planting 5' height Metasequoia due to price and offered to plant additional trees. The Committee was agreeable to the size. Andrew Link asked that the number of trees not exceed the original number of six to leave room for individual memorial trees. Mr. Reitz proposed doing some additional clearing of existing vegetation at the beginning of the trail. The Committee was agreeable as long as approval is received by the Township.
- The planting may be incorporated as part of an Arbor Day program. Mr. Bosted said that Rider University is conducting an Arbor Day program and that ours should be planned so as not to conflict.
- Chairman Di Sanzo prepared a draft annual report to Council. Councilman Powers suggested to Chairman Di Sanzo that May or June would be a good time to come if he would like to address Council.
- Chairman Di Sanzo would like to focus on public education outreach with presentations and newsletters and a van tour.
- Additional goals are to get volunteers to conduct a street tree inventory, plant trees on Route 206, and advertise the memorial tree program.
- Mr. Sproles said that his neighborhood was canvassed by people offering to cut down Ash trees due to Emerald Ash Borer. He pointed out that there was a need to inform people about EAB.

- Chairman Di Sanzo provided information on tree grants being offered by TD Bank.
- Mr. Bosted said that he is giving a presentation on Frederick Law Olmsted to the Garden Gate Garden Club on March 15.
- Mr. Bosted said there is strong interest at Rider in creating a campus arboretum.
- Mr. Link said that Pam Mount of the Friends of the Lawrence Nature Center asked if the Committee would be interested in helping to inventory trees at the Center. More information will be needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Andrew Link
Principal Planner