

TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE

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MINUTES

Lawrence Township Shade Tree Advisory Committee

March 23, 2015

Members Present: Carmine Di Sanzo, David Bosted, Sheila Grant, Judy Bubar, Doris Weisberg and Edward Sproles.
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Councilman Michael Powers, John Waaben, Chris Waaben, and Andrew Link, Staff Liaison

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

- The February minutes were approved.
- It was agreed that the Arbor Day program will revolve around the memorial planting. This may depend upon Ben Reitz being able to procure the trees in time.
- John Waaban proposed making a dedication of an existing tree to his deceased third grade teacher. Andrew Link said that the Township would have to consider how the existing trees might be dedicated.
- Some possibilities put forward by the Committee are to have the dedication include a donation to plant a tree elsewhere or to make a dedication to Troop 27.
- There was a discussion of whether or not to provide a marker at each tree.
- A press release will be done once the details are firmed up.
- David Bosted said the field is overgrown and needs to be mowed.
- Doris Weisberg said that she will produce a flyer on the Arbor Day program and man a table at the Township open house on April 11.
- Mr. Link said that the Township is participating in the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign and will have seedlings to distribute at Arbor Day and Mother Nature Day.
- The site plan for a new water treatment facility at the Lawrenceville School was reviewed. The plans are unclear about proposed and existing planting.
- Chairman Di Sanzo will present the annual report to Council in June.
- Chairman Di Sanzo will contact the Senior Center about showing an Arbor Day film.
- Chairman Di Sanzo will identify potential planting locations for trees on Route 206. He is stocking the information rack at the Library. He asked for help with creating a newsletter.

- Chairman Di Sanzo expressed his concern that there is a disconnect between what the ordinance allows and the Township's desire to preserve trees. Councilman Powers said that there is only so much that you can do to regulate cutting trees on private property and that the ordinance had been reviewed by the municipal attorney.
- Mr. Link said that he had been informed by Pam Tappen that Emerald Ash Borer was discovered in Hillsborough, Bridgewater, Burlington County, and Ewing in 2014.
- Ed Sproles said that there is an HBO program called "Saving My Tomorrow" that will be aired April 22. It includes a segment on trees. Also there will be a science fair at the NJ State Museum on March 28.
- Mr. Bosted said that the Living Local Expo will be March 28.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Andrew Link
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