

# TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE

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## MINUTES

### Lawrence Township Shade Tree Advisory Committee

September 28, 2015

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

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

- The June minutes were approved as amended.
- The Committee reviewed the Aqua plans and will propose adding trees.
- Chairman Di Sanzo has identified 42 possible planting sites along Route 206. He will add more detail about the locations.
- The tree letter has been posted on the website.
- The Committee moved the van tour to the spring. David Bosted has worked out a tour route. There was a discussion about how to publicize it in the absence of the Ledger. Mr. Bosted said that we could use the Nature Center's e-mail list.
- Doris Weisberg recommended that the Committee discuss the volunteer tree survey with Councilman Powers and form a subcommittee to work on planning during the winter with the goal of a spring start. Mr. Bosted said that his experience with internships is that they do not produce good results. Chairman Di Sanzo said that Freehold is the only Township that uses the i-Tree program.
- Chairman Di Sanzo asked Andrew Link to reserve a table for Community Day. They will promote memorial trees and the importance of trees.
- The Department of Agriculture collected the Emerald Ash Borer trap that was hung in Village Park. Mr. Link said that he thought there were Emerald Ash Borers that had been trapped and is waiting to hear the results. Mr. Link is conducting a windshield survey of Ash trees on public property as a first step in developing the Township's approach to addressing Ash mortality. He will see about posting information on the website to inform the public of the threat to Ash trees. Ms. Weisberg made the point that it is worth preserving large trees that are making a significant contribution to the community.
- Mr. Bosted said that Princeton is losing large Pin Oaks on Nassau Street to Bacterial Leaf Scorch. He explained the symptoms of the disease.

- Mr. Bosted will work with Chairman Di Sanzo to produce a draft of proposed changes to the tree removal ordinance including the number and size of street trees that are allowed to be removed and the definition of a tree.
- Mr. Bosted said that all twelve trees planted by the Boy Scouts are doing well. He said Public Works has cleared the Russian Olive.
- Mr. Bosted proposed that a memorial Metasequoia be planted to honor Councilman Brame. He also proposed two additional “honor” trees be planted for Carmine Di Sanzo and Joe Willis. Mr. Willis owns Willis Greenhouses which Mr. Bosted said has been a mainstay for the Eldridge Park business community and has been a long-time community booster. Mr. Bosted said that he is willing to pay for the trees. Ms. Weisberg moved that the Committee support the planting of the trees. Mr. Bosted seconded the motion. The vote was four ayes and zero nays. Chairman Di Sanzo abstained.
- Ms. Weisberg said that in the public comment at a recent Planning Board meeting a man voiced his displeasure with the 50’ planted buffer at the Simone property on Federal City Road. He felt it should have been 80’ and asked that the STAC be informed of his complaint. Ms. Weisberg said that the ordinance requires 50’ and while she did not agree with the comment and that at this point nothing can be done, she wanted to inform the Committee about what happened.
- Chairman Di Sanzo brought a 1990 newspaper article “No Shade for Roxboro” to the Committee’s attention.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Andrew Link  
Principal Planner