

TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE

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MINUTES

Lawrence Township Shade Tree Advisory Committee

April 25, 2016

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

Vice Chairman Bosted convened the meeting at 7:05 PM.

- The March minutes were approved.
- Vice Chairman Bosted said that from his observation of the existing 2 Princess Road parking area it is only 40% full and therefore there is no need for additional parking.
- Ed Sproles said that the number of parking spaces is probably dictated by ordinance.
- Chairman Di Sanzo said that he hasn't seen anything in print regarding the educational letter.
- Vice Chairman Bosted said that the lack of local press has caused a decrease in attendance at Nature Center events. He showed a sketch of proposed plantings at the Nature Center including the Arbor Day trees.
- Chairman Di Sanzo said that he has an Arbor Day banner for the event.
- Vice Chairman Bosted said that he declined a table for the Mother Nature Festival but will be able to distribute tree seedlings. Tree seedlings will also be distributed at Arbor Day and at the Municipal Building.
- Mr. Sproles brought in a Princeton Packet article that mentioned that the Council has appropriated \$100,000 to address Emerald Ash Borer.
- Andrew Link said that the Township has applied for a CSIP grant for the removal of the Ash trees on Dix Lane and seven large Ash trees throughout the Township. The trees on Dix have outgrown their locations. The grant calls for the Township to provide the replacement plantings. The Township is also getting quotes to treat the Ash trees on Gordon Avenue. This represents the initial steps by the Township to address Emerald Ash Borer. The Township is arranging a public information session on EAB with Bill Brash. The tentative date is May 31.

- Vice Chairman Bosted said that residents have complained about the size of the Crabapples on Johnson Avenue. He proposed that a third of the trees, focusing on the larger ones, could be removed to allow the remainder to grow properly. Mr. Link said that the Township is taking bids for the pruning of the trees and the other vegetation along that part of the Johnson Trolley line.
- Chairman Di Sanzo said that he hoped to find some way to help Florence Wyckoff with her efforts to improve the planting in the Sturwood Way island. He said we should support someone who wants to plant trees. David Bosted felt that junipers are the best choice.
- Mr. Link said that the proposed location of the Steve Brame memorial tree has been shifted to the grass island by the entrance. Vice Chairman Bosted had noted that the previous spot may get very wet. Vice Chairman Bosted said that his preference would be to clear the Russian Olive by the parking area and plant the tree there. He said that once you cut Russian Olive at the base, it does not come back.
- Mr. Sproles said that West Windsor in having an Arbor Day program on Saturday that includes an art completion for children.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Andrew Link
Principal Planner