

TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE

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MINUTES

Lawrence Township Shade Tree Advisory Committee

August 22, 2016

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

Chairman Di Sanzo convened the meeting at 7:25 PM.

- The July minutes were approved.
- The Committee reviewed the Briad Development, LLC (Hilton Garden Inn) application (the review started while waiting for a quorum). They questioned the removal of the trees along Lenox Drive.
- Chairman DiSanzo said that he met with Mayor Maffei and Councilman Powers about his proposed changes to the tree cutting ordinance. They advised him that any recommendations must come from the Committee as a whole.
- Chairman DiSanzo's recommendations include:
 - Establish a minimum tree density.
 - Prohibit tree removals in plantings approved by the Planning and Zoning Boards.
 - Revise the definition what constitutes a tree.
 - Prohibit topping of trees.
- Chairman DiSanzo would like to get the recommendation of the full Committee at the September meeting as to what revisions to propose, if any.
- Chairman DiSanzo distributed a detailed report he prepared on the tree cutting ordinances of other communities and recommendations.
- Chairman DiSanzo said that there is a much greater awareness now of the value of trees and the ordinance should reflect that.
- Doris Weisberg said making the public aware of the existence of tree cutting regulations is the biggest problem.
- Chairman DiSanzo said that Mayor Maffei and Councilman Powers said they would consider Florence Wyckoff's request.
- Andrew Link said that GEPNA is interested in tree plantings on Route 206 so he is holding off talking with the State until GEPNA specifies where they want the trees.

- Mr. Link said that the Township has a bid out for the removal of Ash along Dix Lane and elsewhere. The Township is trying to get ahead of the problem so it won't be confronted with a lot of dead Ash requiring immediate attention.
- Ms. Weisberg said that her development, Ventana, voted to treat their Ash.
- Chairman DiSanzo asked the Committee to consider ideas for Community Day.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Andrew Link
Principal Planner