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MINUTES

Lawrence Township Shade Tree Advisory Committee

October 24, 2016

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

Chairman Di Sanzo convened the meeting at 7:45 PM.

- The September minutes were approved as amended.
- The Lennar (Greenacres) revised application was reviewed. The Committee recommended saving as many specimen trees as possible.
- Chairman Di Sanzo presented a vote sheet to record the member's votes on whether to proceed with proposing a revised definition of a tree and the number of trees that can be removed per year. The motion did not receive a second. He said that in his opinion the Committee cannot operate unless the ordinance is changed. Chairman Di Sanzo polled the members with these results: Vice-Chairman Bosted abstained, Edward Sproles was against, and Judy Bubar did express her opinion.
- Chairman Di Sanzo asked for a similar vote on whether or not to support Florence Wyckoff's planting request. Vice-Chairman Bosted said the Chairman should recuse himself because the planting is in his immediate neighborhood. Chairman Di Sanzo did not agree. Vice-Chairman Bosted said he would support the planting of spreading Junipers but not Hinoki Cypress which Ms. Wyckoff requested. Mr. Sproles said that whatever is done must be consistent with the sight triangles and public safety.
- Chairman Di Sanzo expressed his frustration with not being able to move forward on these issues.
- Chairman Di Sanzo said he put more flyers in the rack at the Library.
- Chairman Di Sanzo said he manned the table at Community Day. There was a smaller crowd than previous years probably due to the weather. The Tree City hats were quickly given away.
- Andrew Link said that the first third of the Ash trees on Dix Lane and other Ash elsewhere are in the process of being removed. The bids for the next third will be opened on October 25.

- Vice-Chairman Bosted disputed Chairman Di Sanzo's position on topping trees. Vice-Chairman Bosted felt that topping is useful for fruit tree production, maintenance of overhead utilities, and allowing for the production of solar energy. Chairman Di Sanzo said that, while he agrees there are some practical applications of topping, there is a large scientific body of evidence showing that topping is poor practice.
- Mr. Link said that a Dawn Redwood in Maidenhead Meadow will be dedicated in Councilman Brame's memory on October 29 at 11:00 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Andrew Link
Principal Planner