

TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE

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MINUTES

Lawrence Township Shade Tree Advisory Committee

March 23, 2009

Members Present: Carmine Di Sanzo, Alvin Geser, Edward Sproles, Doris Weisberg, Councilman Michael Powers, and Henry Hoffman.

Members Absent: Rosemarie Clark

Others Present: Andrew Link, Staff Liaison

Chairman Di Sanzo convened the meeting at 7:30 PM.

- The February minutes were approved as amended.
- Henry Hoffman informed the Committee that the Lawrenceville Presbyterian Church did some maintenance pruning and cabling to their Beech tree. Mr. Hoffman said that there is a concern about two closely planted Oak trees directly in front of the church. Andrew Link said that he talked to the tree crew foreman. The foreman said that two limbs were removed because they were cracked. The cabling was done because a recent vertical split has developed in the trunk. Limbs from the Oaks were pruned were they extended toward the church.
- Councilman Powers confirmed that the annual report, prepared by Chairman Di Sanzo, has been distributed to Council. A presentation will be scheduled in the near future.
- The Township website is understood to be the best venue for public outreach, The Committee needs to develop content for their webpage. Chairman Di Sanzo wants to also use the local press as much as possible.
- The Township is looking to address tree planting on Marlboro Road, Eldridge Ave., and Lawrence Avenue. Marlboro Road is the immediate focus. Councilman Powers will check with St. Ann's Church about planting on their property on Lawrence Ave. The Township has a contract for replacement plantings on Johnson Ave.
- The Committee discussed the PSE&G vegetation management plans. Mr. Link will contact them to get a more specific schedule so that the Committee can monitor the work.
- Councilman Powers has made changes to the management plan which have been approved by the Mayor. The changes will be sent to the members for their review.
- The Arbor Day activities will be scheduled for early May because there is so much happening in April. It will most likely involve the planting of a tree at the Lawrenceville Elementary School. Councilman Powers will follow-up with the school administration and Mikey Azzara. The press is to be given advance notice.
- April 18th is the date for the rededication of the memorial plaques at the High School. Any members wishing to attend should notify Chairman Di Sanzo.
- The Committee will man a table at the Earth Day celebration at the Nature Center on April

25th. Mr. Link will order tube seedlings to distribute. Chairman Di Sanzo will be there early to set up. Alvin Geser will be there from 1:00 to 2:30. Edward Sproles will be there from 2:00 to closing.

- There were no site plans to be reviewed.
- The next meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2009 at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Andrew Link
Principal Planner