

TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE

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MINUTES

Lawrence Township Shade Tree Advisory Committee

January 24, 2011

Members Present: Carmine Di Sanzo, Doris Weisberg, Alvin Geser, Rosemarie Clark, and Edward Sproles.

Members Absent: Janet Kane.

Others Present: Andrew Link, Staff Liaison

Andrew Link convened the meeting at 7:30 PM.

- Andrew Link called for nominations for Chairperson. Alvin Geser nominated Carmine DiSanzo and Ed Sproles seconded the nomination. Mr. DiSanzo was unanimously re-elected. Mr. Link turned the meeting over to the Chairman.
- Chairman DiSanzo called for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Geser nominated Ed Sproles and Rosemarie Clark seconded the nomination. Mr. Sproles was unanimously re-elected Vice Chairman.
- The November minutes were approved.
- Chairman Di Sanzo presented a draft of the annual report to Council. The committee will review it and submit any proposed changes to Mr. Link to compile.
- Chairman Di Sanzo referred to an order form used by the City of St. Louis for their "Tree-Membrance Program". A similar type form may be useful for the Township's purposes. Procedures need to be developed and potential planting sites need to be identified. Doris Weisberg suggested Heritage Park as a location for more tree planting since they already have a planting plan. An acknowledgement from the Township should be sent to the donor.
- Chairman Di Sanzo asked that Committee again pursue a school program for Arbor Day utilizing a video from the Arbor Day Foundation. The Scouts or the Nature Center might also be suitable venues. The Committee agreed to explore planting another tree at the Lawrenceville Elementary School to continue the row initiated along Craven Lane.
- The Committee agreed to focus on the following items for 2011:
 - Continue to examine the Jackson Township tree ordinance for possible improvements to our own ordinance
 - Develop the memorial tree program
 - Identify specimen trees
 - Identify hazardous trees
- The Committee unanimously voted that a request be made to Council to change the ordinance in regard to the Committee's membership. Their proposal is to make the

membership slot that is now dedicated to an appointee from the Planning Board to be changed to a position open to interested citizens like the other six positions. They would like to have a non-voting liaison position created for a Planning Board member appointee that does not count toward a quorum. Mr. Link will inform Councilman Powers of this. If the idea is to be pursued, Ms. Weisberg will talk to the Planning Board.

- Chairman Di Sanzo said that he was concerned that the Township is not adequately protecting its tree resources. Mr. Link explained how tree removal permits are issued. In addition, staff members and the public report any violations that they may discover. Chairman Di Sanzo would like the Committee to explore ways to better save trees.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Andrew Link
Principal Planner