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MINUTES

Lawrence Township Shade Tree Advisory Committee

September 23, 2013

Members Present: Carmine Di Sanzo, Judy Bubar, Janet Kane, Edward Sproles, and David Bosted.
Members Absent: Doris Weisberg
Others Present: Michael Powers, Council Liaison, Andrew Link, Staff Liaison

Chairman Di Sanzo convened the meeting at 7:40 PM.

- The June minutes were approved as amended.
- The Committee reviewed the site plan for the Mercer Mall expansion. The Committee will ask the applicant to consider replacing all the trees to be removed on a one for one basis.
- Ben Franklin School was selected as the site for the 2014 Arbor Day program.
- The Committee will reserve a table at Community Day. They may not be able to staff it but will try to make their literature available.
- Chairman Di Sanzo proposed using the development opposite Rider University to begin a windshield survey. In addition to hazardous trees, he would like to see specimen trees identified. Councilman Powers said that the owners of the two best trees in each neighborhood could be recognized with a certificate.
- David Bosted provided a handout on the use of Dawn Redwood as the memorial tree. The Committee is considering the Dyson Trust property as the location and was agreeable to Mr. Bosted's recommendation that all of the trees be Dawn Redwoods to create an effective planting. Councilman Powers said that Council will need to approve any action.
- Chairman Di Sanzo said that he got a call from a resident at 1146 Lawrence Road. She requested that the Township assist her in planting Red Maples in the road right-of-way. Mr. Link will contact her to explain that it is State property and the Township is not allowed to plant in it. In addition, we recommend against planting larger trees under utility wires. She was previously given the number to call at the State.
- The Committee will try again in the Spring to have Ms. Kane's article on replanting after the storm and selection of the right trees picked up by the press
- The consultant provided a partial draft of the Community Forestry Management Plan. The Committee will review it and comment. Mr. Link will send out previous comments to the Committee to assist them.

- Mr. Link will check to see if all members are supposed to receive mailings from the National Arbor Day Foundation. Currently only the Chair and Mr. Link are receiving literature. The Chair would like to use some of the issues for the Committee's educational outreach. We would need to request reprints or permission to copy the literature.
- The Committee will hold an election for Vice-Chairman to replace Rosemarie Clark.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Andrew Link
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