

# TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE

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## MINUTES

### Lawrence Township Shade Tree Advisory Committee

October 28, 2013

Members Present: Carmine Di Sanzo, Janet Kane, Edward Sproles, and David Bosted.

Members Absent: Judy Bubar, Doris Weisberg

Others Present: Michael Powers, Council Liaison, Andrew Link, Staff Liaison

Chairman Di Sanzo convened the meeting at 7:35 PM.

- Election of Vice-Chairperson was conducted to replace Rosemarie Clark. Ed Sproles nominated Janet Kane. Chairman Di Sanzo seconded the nomination. Ms. Kane was unanimously elected Vice-Chairperson.
- The September minutes were approved.
- The Committee reviewed the site plan for Morris Hall Meadows @ Lawrenceville. The Committee focused on the number of trees proposed to be removed including three specimen trees.
- The Committee reviewed the site plan for Ada Longo. The proposal is to move a lot line. There were no comments.
- Andrew Link reported that the consultant for the preparation of the next Community Forestry Management Plan promised to have a final draft in a week. Mr. Link will circulate it by e-mail in preparation for consideration for approval at the November meeting. Councilman Powers said that the consultant should be made aware that the document needs to be approved by Council and the December meetings are subject to cancellation.
- Mr. Link set up an unmanned table at Community Day and made literature available.
- Mr. Link reported on the annual meeting of the Shade Tree Federation. Discussions included the shifting of plant hardiness zones and Robbinsville's tree planting program financed by the State's No Net Loss program involving the Turnpike expansion.
- Chairman Di Sanzo reported that the windshield survey in the Vander Veer Drive neighborhood was hampered by confusion over which trees are street trees. Mr. Link explained that the street trees must be within the road right-of-way. This varies from street to street and even along the same street but is often fifty feet. The tax maps need to be examined to make a determination of the extent of the public property. Councilman Powers said that if the Committee focused on the southern end of the Township it is clearer which trees are street trees, i.e. between the sidewalk and the curb. He said that the Committee may want to concentrate on replacing dead trees or develop another specific goal.

- Councilman Powers will initiate the contact with the school superintendent for an Arbor Day program at the Ben Franklin Elementary School.
- Ms. Kane reported that Girl Scouts under the direction of a naturalist recorded the two largest trees in Drexel Woods by the Nature Center. The Committee is considering inviting the Scouts to the November meeting.
- Councilman Powers got Council approval to utilize Dawn Redwoods as the memorial planting at the Dyson Trust park property. David Bosted will research the tree's heat hardiness. Chairman Di Sanzo, Mr. Bosted, Mr. Sproles, and Ms. Kane will meet at the site on November 1 at 3:00 PM to identify areas to be cleared for tree planting.
- Mr. Link informed the Committee that PSE&G will be doing tree maintenance on Carter Road starting in November to keep their utility lines clear.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Andrew Link  
Principal Planner