

TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE

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MINUTES

Lawrence Township Shade Tree Advisory Committee

January 28, 2013

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

Chairman Di Sanzo convened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

- Doris Weisberg nominated Carmine DiSanzo for Chairperson. Rosemarie Clark seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations for Chairperson. Mr. DiSanzo was unanimously re-elected Chairman.
- Janet Kane nominated Ms. Clark for Vice-Chairperson. Doris Weisberg seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Ms. Clark was unanimously elected Vice-Chairwoman.
- The November 2012 minutes were approved.
- Stephen Chisholm was present to discuss the preparation of the next five-year Community Forestry Management Plan.
- Chairman DiSanzo said that lack of funding is the number one problem in achieving the Committee's goals. He proposed a windshield assessment of street trees. He said the DPW should be contacted on tree damage due to storm Sandy with the possibility of applying for FEMA money.
- Ms. Kane said that an inventory is the place to start. A zone a year could be done with CSIP grant money. She conjectured that having an inventory in place but not acting on the hazards identified may create a liability issue.
- Mr. Chisholm said that the free Rutgers inventory program i-Tree is used frequently. Davey Tree has Tree Keeper Junior for sale.
- Mr. Chisholm said that there is a chance of getting up to two CSIP grants in a five-year period. There is money from the no-net loss highway fund. CSIP grants will likely be available in 2014.
- Councilman Powers suggested a comprehensive review of the ordinance and the creation of a memorial path on the Dyson Trust open space as goals.
- Mr. Chisholm said the NJ Tree Foundation provides volunteer labor to plant trees.

- Mr. Chisholm said that there will be State and Federal money available to help address Emerald Ash Borer when it arrives. The Township could issue property owners a notice to remove infested trees in 60 days.
- The Committee will participate in the Sustainable Lawrence Program at the Library on February 21.
- The Committee reviewed plans for:
 - PNC Bank 4201 Quakerbridge Road
 - Berk-Cohen Associates 180 Franklin Corner Road
 - Britton Realty of Lawrenceville, LLC Bakers Basin Road
- Chairman DiSanzo prepared a year end report that was approved by the Committee to send to Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Andrew Link
Principal Planner