

TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE

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MINUTES

Lawrence Township Shade Tree Advisory Committee

October 22, 2012

Members Present: Carmine Di Sanzo, Judy Bubar, Janet Kane, Edward Sproles, and Rosemarie Clark.

Members Absent: Doris Weisberg

Others Present: Michael Powers, Councilman and Andrew Link, Staff Liaison

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

- The September 2012 minutes were approved.
- There were no site plans to be reviewed.
- Janet Kane reviewed the preparations for the power point presentation that she created for the Library meeting. Ms. Kane added some talking points to go with the slides. She asked that the members add notes as they see fit for future presentations.
- Edward Sproles and Ms. Kane did a walk through at the Library. Mr. Sproles will be doing the presentation in Ms. Kane's absence. Chairman Di Sanzo had previously delivered posters to the Library. Ms. Kane said that the Library has been very supportive.
- Councilman Powers notified the Ledger of the program and other members notified various organizations.
- Judy Bubar said that there are several fine trees in front of the Municipal Building. She suggested that this would be an ideal place to begin a van tour since it would give late arrivals a chance to join in.
- Andrew Link relayed Municipal Manager Krawczun's observation regarding memorial trees and asked for the Committee's input. Mr. Krawczun saw an allee of memorial trees in Hamilton's Veteran's park. Each tree has a memorial plaque. The Committee thought that the Dyson Trust property has potential for such an installation. Its passive nature would lend itself reflection. However, this would depend on future uses of the park and the ability of the Public Works Department to maintain the planting. They thought that donors should also have the option of planting in a more active park such as Village Park.
- Chairman Di Sanzo hopes to be able to use the materials that he put together for the canceled Community Day at the Library presentation and the Earth Day celebration. He has acquired several new brochures from the International Society of Arboriculture.
- The Committee is reviewing the current Community Forestry Management Plan and will make recommendations for changes.

- There was a discussion of past street tree and Arbor Day plantings. Councilman Power's noted how much they have grown. He suggested finding the original Lawrence Ledger coverage and doing then and now features.
- Mr. Link made the Committee aware of tree removal to be done by PSE&G for clearance of their electric transmission lines. The work will be done from Rider University to Bunker Hill Road starting on December 12, 2012. Councilman Powers suggested notifying the University and White Pine Apartments since this will impact them.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Andrew Link
Principal Planner