

TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE

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MINUTES

Lawrence Township Shade Tree Advisory Committee

January 25, 2016

Members Present: Carmine Di Sanzo, David Bosted, Sheila Grant, Edward Sproles, and Doris Weisberg
Members Absent: Judy Bubar
Others Present: Andrew Link, Staff Liaison

Andrew Link convened the meeting at 7:05 PM.

- Election of officers was held. David Bosted nominated Carmine Di Sanzo for Chairman. Doris Weisberg seconded. There were no other nominations. Mr. Di Sanzo was unanimously elected Chairman. Edward Sproles nominated David Bosted for Vice-Chairman. Ms. Weisberg seconded. Mr. Bosted was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman.
- The 2015 December minutes were approved.
- The Committee reviewed the plans for the Marianne Mele subdivision of 58 Carter Road. The application had been denied in 2012 primarily due to drainage concerns. The plans call for the removal of 71 trees. Vice-Chairman Bosted moved that "If approved, replant disturbed areas, require a single shared driveway to reduce the removal of trees and shrubs along the long driveway, and address concerns about loss of trees, but not sufficient information about the types of sizes of the 71 trees that the landowner seeks to cut down, many of them large, mature trees." Ms. Weisberg seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.
- The response to Florence Wyckoff's letter will be held for input from Councilman Powers.
- Chairman Di Sanzo distributed his draft report to Council to the Committee.
- Mr. Link contacted the State about funding for planting in their Route 206 right-of-way and is waiting for their reply.
- Mr. Link said that the State has not yet released information on the CSIP grants.
- Mr. Link will follow-up on doing a press release on the education letter.
- Vice-Chairman Bosted said that he is willing to prepare a map of interesting trees to complement a planned bike tour in June. He already have a map for the van tour.

- Chairman Di Sanzo revisited his concerns about the tree ordinance. He distributed information on the NJ Supreme Court decision regarding Jackson Township's right to require replacement of removed trees on private property. He also distributed information on tree ordinances in other towns. Ms. Weisberg said that in her experience, people do not generally remove trees without good reason. The Committee agreed to further consider revising further and to make specific recommendations
- Vice-Chairman Bosted said that there is room for one additional memorial tree along the one side of the path before the turn.
- Vice-Chairman Bosted recommended that Hazelnut trees or other wildlife friendly trees be planted at the Nature Center for the Arbor Day ceremony. The Committee agreed. Vice-Chairman Bosted will make the proposal to the Friends of the Nature Center.
- Chairman Di Sanzo will see if Councilman Powers is interested in approaching the schools about showing a video on trees.
- The Committee is willing to participate in the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign and offer 100 tree seedlings at the Arbor Day ceremony and Mother Nature Day on May 7.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Andrew Link
Principal Planner