

TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE

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MINUTES

Lawrence Township Shade Tree Advisory Committee

June 27, 2016

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

Chairman Di Sanzo convened the meeting at 7:22 PM.

- The May minutes were approved.
- In Public Comment Amelia Wilson introduced herself as a resident of Lawrence Township. She said that she is interested in volunteering in any capacity to address the EAB problem. She said that her skills include writing. She said she attended a recent program on EAB in Princeton and understood them to say that they are requiring the property owner to remove Ashes in the adjacent R.O.W.
- The Committee reviewed the Lidl Operations, LLC plans and generally thought the plan made good use of the site. Doris Weisberg will visit the site to see if the 36" tree identified on the plans is worth saving.
- The Committee reviewed the Lennar Greenacres Residential Community plans. The plan calls for the removal 37 specimen trees. Chairman Di Sanzo commented that he would like to see the developer contribute money to the Township for planting trees off site. Councilman Powers suggested improving the buffer with Burning Tree Lane. Judy Bubar thought there should be two means of entering and exiting the project. Vice-Chairman Bosted thought it was a good opportunity for solar panels and that the planting should be designed to be compatible with solar.
- Ms. Weisberg asked if the Township received the CSIP grant to remove Ashes. Andrew Link said we had received it but in discussion with the granting authority, the Township will contract to remove the trees and the grant will cover replanting. The amount of the grant was raised from \$25,000 to \$30,000. Mr. Bosted made the suggestion that 1/3 of the Dix Lane Ashes be cut and replaced each year for three years to minimize the disruption.
- Ms. Weisberg said that at the Planning Board meeting she asked the PSE&G representative about the presence of Ash in the buffer of the Bunker Hill Road substation. She didn't receive a straight answer.

- Vice-Chairman Bosted said that the bike tour on June 5 was a success in spite of the weather. He thought this was encouraging for the van tour in October.
- Chairman Di Sanzo said that he restocked the rack in the Library.
- Chairman Di Sanzo said that he would like to see the informational letter mailed to all Township residents. Councilman Powers suggested putting it on the website instead or working through the Nature Center. Chairman Di Sanzo said people don't look at the website. Councilman Powers will check to see how often the STAC site is visited. Vice-Chairman Bosted said that you have to keep posting new information in order to get repeat users.
- Chairman Di Sanzo said that he hoped to find some way to help Florence Wyckoff with her efforts to improve the planting in the Sturwood Way island. He said we should support someone who wants to plant trees. He proposed holding an Arbor Day ceremony there.
- Councilman Powers will talk to Rich Krawczun about the Manager's concerns regarding the proposed planting.
- Councilman Powers invited Mayor Maffei to attend the July meeting and the Mayor accepted. The discussion will be the response to Ms. Wyckoff and the proposed changes to the tree removal ordinance.
- Mr. Link said that the June 1 public information session on EAB with Bill Brash attracted 50 people. Chairman Di Sanzo said he would like to do a similar program on other tree issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Andrew Link
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