

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 9, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:28 p.m. Committee members present were Steve Zaikowski, Pat Mills, Charlie Parke and Rob Sikorski.

OLD BUSINESS

Community Forestry Management Plan for 2015-2019

Jan has completed all editing and reformatting as well as creating the Table of Contents and Objectives Summary Tables. The Plan was unanimously approved by the Committee. Rob will send the final plan and instructions to the Township for their approval prior to submitting to the State for processing.

Community Outreach

A display stand from the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) has been put in the Washington Township Library. This includes twenty different brochures covering a variety of tree care topics. Mulch Volcano brochures and information on Emerald Ash Borer were also provided in addition to the ISA display.

Drive-By Street Tree Assessment and Inventory

Steve stated he is continuing the survey of tree varieties in Washington Township and hopes to finish the assessment by the end of this year or in early 2015. We will summarize his findings on a spreadsheet of common and botanical names of tree varieties by street (169 streets and approximately 27 varieties of trees). Once completed, we will post this inventory on our website so residents can easily look up the varieties of trees planted on their streets and incorporate the inventory into the next Community Forestry Management Plan renewal (2020-2024).

Bert the Eagle, Flocktown Road and Schooley's Mountain Road

By memo to the Township Committee dated December 9, 2014, Steve provided advice on possible steps that can be taken for preservation of the damaged tree sculpture.

Emerald Ash Borer – N.J. State Forestry Service Pest Alert Handout

Steve confirmed the information has been posted to our website.

NEW BUSINESS

2015 Shade Tree Budget Request

Steve has requested two line items be added to the budget request as follows:

\$540. Course Registration Fees for two DPW employees to attend a Tree Pruning Course to be offered at Rutgers

\$280. Cost of ISA brochures to re-fill the display at the Library when needed.

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101 Middle Valley Road, Block 54, Lot 42

At the request of Andrew Coppola, Steve issued a memo dated November 25, 2014 providing recommendations and planting specifications for replacement of trees recently removed from the site.

Sharon McCellan – 20 Walnut Drive

We received a copy of an email received on November 20, 2014 asking if the resident can replace a shade tree recently removed by the DPW by transplanting another tree from elsewhere on the property. Steve will contact the resident to discuss.

2015 Committee Roles

The Committee agreed that Steve and Jan will continue in their respective roles as Chair and Recording Secretary.

NEXT MEETING

The January meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Sikorski for Jan Godek

Recording Secretary