

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
August 11, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. Committee members present were Steve Zaikowski, Jan Godek, Charlie Parke and Rob Sikorski.

OLD BUSINESS

2015 Arbor Day Tree Planting

Because of the dry weather conditions, Steve watered all the replacement trees this past weekend. The tree leaves are small but not drooping.

Kenneth Zaroni – Candour Court - Brittany Hills Homeowners Association

Steve will be contacting Mr. Zaroni this week regarding replacement species recommendations and planting guidelines.

2015-2019 Community Forestry Management Plan

We have not received a response from the New Jersey Forestry Service yet.

Red Maples

In conjunction with a recent inspection of red maples at the Wu residence on Ridgeline Drive, Steve noticed that red maples in general this year have somewhat diminished growth, and smaller and fewer leaves. He did not observe any insect or disease damage. We will continue to monitor this species in street tree plantings.

NEW BUSINESS

Bert and Alice Swackhamer – 6 Hunter Drive

We received a Shade Tree Notification Form requesting stump grinding for a tree removed by the DPW.

2016 Arbor Day Planting

We have a \$1,500 budget for trees. We are looking to plant between 25 to 30 trees next spring on North Bridge Road, Partridge Lane and Quail Run. Steve will call Plant Detectives to order the Cleveland cultivar of Callery Pears to replace the 17 Callery Pears lost on North Bridge Road. We will stay with Honeylocusts on Quail Run but may consider Green Mountain Sugar Maples or Sweetgums for any other locations. We will purchase bare root trees whenever possible.

Emmanuel Bible Church – 3 Pleasant Grove Road, Block 31, Lot 26

Andrew Coppola forwarded a letter dated July 29, 2015 from Leon Hall of Anderson & Denzler to Emmanuel Church, stating that their contractor asked Mr. Hall to approve the 25 trees planted along the parking area. Steve will respond to Leon Hall.

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Air Spade Demonstration at Washington Township Public Library

As a program sponsored by the Washington Township Library, Steve will be conducting a root collar excavation using an air spade on a Sweet Bay Magnolia at the Library on Tuesday, August 18, at 6:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The September meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

***Jan Godek, Recording Secretary***