

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES
December 8, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. Committee members present were Steve Zaikowski, Jan Godek and Rob Sikorski.

OLD BUSINESS

Ash Tree Inventory

Jan compiled a list of the quantities and sizes of ash trees on thirty Washington Township streets the committee members inventoried. This is part of the overall inventory Steve is conducting of all streets in Washington Township. Steve said there are fifty additional streets he intends to look at to see if there are any ash trees on those streets. If so, we will add these streets to the list.

Estates at Long Valley (Toll Bros.) - Phase 3 - 35 Chancellor Way

Steve inspected the trees and marked those needing to be replaced. Steve sent a memo dated November 30, 2015 to the Planning Board with instructions and species recommendations for the trees to be replaced.

2015-2019 Community Forestry Management Plan

We have not heard back yet from the New Jersey Forestry Service if our plan has been approved.

JoAnne McGrath - North Ridge Drive

Steve spoke with Ms. McGrath and will provide a list of replacement trees. Ms. McGrath will remove the trees at her expense. We will replant with tree species which do not have as large a root system.

Emerald Ash Borer Education and Outreach

Steve distributed information on the Emerald Ash Borer ("EAB") which he received at the recent New Jersey Shade Tree Federation Fall Conference. Because of the anticipated catastrophic impact of this insect on ash trees, Rob will prepare an EAB update with talking points for us to present at the next township work session. We also discussed the possibility of an outreach to those residents whom we have identified have ash street trees, to ensure they know what the EAB is and are aware of treatment options.

NEW BUSINESS

2016 Shade Tree Committee Budget and Budget Meeting

Our 2016 budget will be \$3,650 which includes the Shade Tree Replacement Program. Steve advised we will submit the ash tree inventory at the next budget meeting.

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St. Mark's Church – 59 Spring Lane

We received a Shade Tree Notification Form dated November 13, 2015 regarding a dead or diseased tree. Steve will refer this to Scott Frech in the event the tree is dead and needs to be removed.

NEXT MEETING

The January meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Jan Godek, Recording Secretary