

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 12, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. Committee members present were Steve Zaikowski, Jan Godek, Pat Mills and Charlie Parke.

OLD BUSINESS

Arbor Day Bare Root Tree Planting

Steve advised that there are 11 trees on Falcon Lane and Quail Run which have died and discussed a number of possible reasons for this (transplant shock, incompatibility with graft union, graft union failure, green tree fracture). We will consider watering the remaining trees if we do not get rain in the next couple of days. We will check in September to see how the remaining trees are faring.

Community Forestry Management Plan for 2015-2019

As Rob was out of town on business travel, we will wait until the September meeting when he is in attendance to review his edits to the plan.

Estates at Long Valley – Toll Bros.

Steve inspected the newly replanted and pruned trees. By memo dated August 5, 2014 to the Planning Board, we advised the planting is approved.

Wellington Drive near Naughtright Road

Steve inspected the area in response to an anonymous phone call regarding a diseased tree. He did not see the diseased tree in question. He stated anthracnose could have caused the reported leaf drop.

NEW BUSINESS

Michael Cameron – 5 Paddock Court, Long Valley

We are in receipt of a Shade Tree Notification Form from Mr. Cameron regarding a tree breaking up the sidewalk and driveway. Steve will inspect and Pat will add to our database.

Tamke Tree Presentation Regarding Emerald Ash Borer

Scott Frech forwarded information from Chris Hunt of Tamke to Steve regarding a presentation by Tom Doty on the Emerald Ash Borer. The presentation will be September 17, 2014 in Millburn. Tamke is proposing to treat our ash trees with a soil injection of Merit. As we have a lot of ash trees on Flocktown Road, Steve will attend the presentation to get more information on this.

DPW Bucket Truck

Steve reported that the Town has acquired a bucket truck to do tree work. He will request those operating the truck have safety training for its use around power lines.

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NEXT MEETING

The September meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Godek
Recording Secretary