

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. Committee members present were Steve Zaikowski, Jan Godek, Pat Mills, Robert Sikorski and Charlie Parke. Also present was Committeeman/liaison Ken Short.

OLD BUSINESS

Emerald Ash Borer – Street Tree Inventory of Ash Trees

Steve has a list of the twenty-nine streets in Washington Township which have ash street trees. Steve gave each member diameter tape to measure and record the diameter of each tree. Each member will take six streets and record the diameter of each ash tree on these streets, measuring each tree at breast height and recording the measurement to the nearest whole number. We will check with Andrew Coppola about doing a mailing to the homeowners who have ash street trees.

2015 Arbor Day Tree Planting

Steve took an inventory of trees to be replaced on Falcon Lane and Quail Run. There are also trees to be replaced on Wolfe Run and on Flocktown Road by Quail and Falcon. Kings Ridge is another street which also needs new trees. We will have a longer window of time this year to plant the trees since they will be balled and burlapped and not bare root. The trees may possibly have wire baskets and may need root collar excavations. Steve will work closely with Scott Frech on preparations for the planting. The tentative planting date is Saturday, April 12.

If we want to plant bare root trees in 2016, we will need to order the trees much earlier (in June) while inventory is high.

NEW BUSINESS

Chris Nikolopoulos – 16 Douglas Drive

We received a Shade Tree Replacement Request form dated February 28, 2015 requesting four trees. Steve will contact Mr. Nikolopoulos.

2015-2019 Community Forestry Management Plan

We received word from the New Jersey Forestry Service that changes are required to our Plan. We discussed what changes would be necessary. We will add our Annual Accomplishment reports as an appendix to the Plan. Steve will call Alec McCartney at the Forestry Service to discuss the format for submitting changes, i.e., would redlined changes be submitted first and then would we submit a revised document or a separate document detailing the changes. We will re-submit the plan for approval at some point after our April meeting.

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NEXT MEETING

The April meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Jan Godek

Recording Secretary