

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 14, 2018

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

OLD BUSINESS

Landmark Enterprises – 169, 171, 173 and 177 Mission Road, Hackettstown

We were copied an email between Andrew Coppola and Leon Hall. The developer priced what it would cost to plant shade trees (36 trees, 2-1/2" to 3" caliper) and otherwise landscape as per the site plan. Since it was subsequently determined that street trees were not required, the developer offered a contribution of \$11,662 to the Shade Tree fund for replacement trees in lieu of landscaping and tree planting. Steve will write a memo that this amount is sufficient to compensate and finds this arrangement to be acceptable.

Healthcare Center at Heath Village West – Block 19, Lot 5

By memo dated July 11, 2018 to the Planning Board, we advised the plant plat is approved.

Bruce Merker – 8 Highland Avenue

We received two Shade Tree Notification Forms from Mr. Merker. The first, dated July 16, 2018, requested removal of trees on the road side. The second, dated July 25, 2018, requested removal and stump grinding of a third tree. We forwarded these requests to the DPW to handle.

John and Diane Radossich - 8 North Bridge Drive

By memo dated July 24, 2018 to Andrew Coppola, Steve summarized the Shade Tree Committee's contact with the homeowner regarding shade trees at this property, i.e., the homeowner's initial request that the trees be removed, agreement to keep the trees, follow-up care of the trees, and subsequent removal of the trees from the property without prior notification to the Committee. Steve will write a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Radossich inquiring as to what happened to the trees. The letter will be sent by the Township.

Emily Wagner – 6 Parker Road

Steve inspected the tree suspected of having the EAB and reviewed the video Ms. Wagner took of the adult insect on her ash tree. Steve confirmed it is the Emerald Ash borer (EAB). Ms. Wagner also forwarded the video to Andrew Coppola and the New Jersey Department of Agriculture.

Heath Village – EAB Siting

Steve e-mailed Joe Dunn, District Manager, Morris County Soil Conservation District, with contact information for Heath Village. To date, Steve has not received a response.

NEW BUSINESS

Monica Wright – 19 Ridgeline

We received a Shade Tree Notification Form dated July 23, 2018, requesting removal of a tree split at its top. We forwarded this request to the DPW to handle.

Farah Ejaz – 61 Rock Road

We received a Shade Tree Notification Form dated July 23, 2018, inquiring if trees she would like to remove in front of her property are in fact street trees. We forwarded this request to the DPW to handle.

Michelle Barron – 55 Winay Terrace

We received a Shade Tree Notification Form dated August 6, 2018, requesting an explanation as to why two street trees were removed in her side yard facing Quail Run. Steve will contact Roger Read regarding this.

Spotted Lantern Fly

We received information from the New Jersey Department of Agriculture and New Jersey Shade Tree Federation regarding this new invasive pest. There are already quarantines in Hunterdon, Warren and Mercer counties. Steve asked Andrew Coppola to put this information on our page on the town website.

New Jersey Urban & Community Forestry Status Report

We reviewed the most recent report. It showed we have satisfied the eight credits required, however, Steve's credits for his attendance at a January 2018 symposium at County College of Morris were not included. Steve will request that those credits be added to our total and also that Dianne Gallets be removed from the list of people with CORE training.

NEXT MEETING

The September meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Godek

Recording Secretary