

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 8, 2014

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

Washington Township Shade Tree Notification Form

We are awaiting a response from the Town regarding suggested revisions to the Washington Township Shade Tree Shade Tree Replacement Request Form (to be renamed the Shade Tree Notification Form).

Chaps for First Responders Assisting the Department of Public Works

By memo dated March 25, 2014, Steve recommended to the Washington Township First Responders that first responders are offered approved chainsaw safety instruction in their curriculum.

Arbor Day Bare Root Tree Planting

Steve spoke with Tom Monroe from Robinson Nurseries who advised the fifty bare root trees are scheduled to arrive the week of April 21. The planting is now scheduled for Saturday, April 26, from 8:00 a.m. to approximately 1:00 p.m. At 8:00 a.m. that morning, Steve will demonstrate how to plant a bare root tree. Boy Scout Troop 236, Long Valley Sprouts (junior garden club), and several members from The Garden Club of Long Valley are still available to plant on April 26. We reviewed the various jobs for the volunteers and tools needed. Steve will send out an e-mail this week to the volunteers about what tools to bring.

The Department of Public Works has already pre dug the holes for the trees, as well as added topsoil where necessary, for the planting locations on Quail Run and Falcon Lane. The tree stakes have been cut and Steve has obtained the tree ties and TerraSorb.

Kathy Froetscher has notified the Observer-Tribune, Patch and WRNJ about the upcoming planting.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The May meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Godek

Recording Secretary