

## SHADE TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. Committee members present were Steve Zaikowski, Jan Godek, Pat Mills, Charlie Parke and Rob Sikorski.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Emerald Ash Borer Education and Outreach

An article appeared on the front page of the January 21, 2016 Observer-Tribune discussing the Emerald Ash borer, including restrictions regarding the transport of affected firewood.

#### Ash Tree Inventory

Jan will update the list of the quantities and sizes of ash trees on Washington Township streets to include additional trees found on streets which Steve inventoried. We will bring this before the Township Committee once the list has been prepared.

#### 2015-2019 Community Forestry Management Plan

The 2015-2015 approved Plan has been scanned and put on our website.

#### Hilltop Meadows Replacement Plantings – Krista Court and Rolling Meadows Court

Steve re-marked the trees which need to be replaced. By memo dated February 1, 2016 to Andrew Coppola, we advised of the number and species of trees needing replacement.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Washington Township Street Tree Inventory

Steve asked Pat to update our chart so the information is sorted by tree species and streets.

#### New Jersey Forestry Forms/Templates

All members received a CD containing the forms and templates. Steve asked us to review it to see what we could potentially use.

#### 2015 Community Forestry Annual Accomplishment Report

Steve said the 2015 form has been completed along with a two-page report. These will be submitted to the New Jersey Forestry Service this week. Steve noted we did not receive credits (5+) for his attendance at the March 2015 ISA meeting.

#### NJ Tree Recovery Program (Department of Environmental Protection)

Andrew Coppola forwarded information to Steve regarding the NJ Tree Recovery Campaign, whereby towns can apply to get seedlings to replace trees lost in Hurricane Sandy. Steve is awaiting a response from Teri Lyons regarding Washington Township's potential participation.

The College of New Jersey – Sustainable Jersey – Bonner Institute for Civic and Community Services

We received a communication from The College of New Jersey stating they are looking for opportunities for their students to work on sustainability projects. We noted that the application stated projects located more than a one-hour drive from the College are unlikely to be awarded. Because we are located further than one hour away, we will refer this back to Andrew Coppola and the Green Team.

NEXT MEETING

The March meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

*Jan Godek, Recording Secretary*