

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 9, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. Committee members present were Steve Zaikowski, Pat Mills, Charlie Parke and Rob Sikorski.

OLD BUSINESS

Arbor Day Bare Root Tree Planting

Charlie advised that he removed two dead trees and two more were under duress and may require removal. Steve will inspect and make a determination if removal is necessary. Charlie reported that the other trees appear healthy.

Community Forestry Management Plan for 2015-2019

Rob covered highlights of the Washington Township Master Plan review which was completed in accordance with New Jersey state guidelines. Updates to the Community Forestry Management Plan remain in progress and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Michael Cameron – 5 Paddock Court, Long Valley

Steve requested the DPW inspect the conditions at the site regarding a tree breaking up the sidewalk and driveway.

Shade Tree Federation Annual Conference, October 24-25, 2014

Steve advised that registration fees have been approved by the Township Administrator. Pat, Steve, Rob and Jan plan on attending one day sessions. Rob and Jan will complete the CORE training curriculum offered at the conference.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Markiewicz, Carriage Hill & Old Farmers Road

The Markiewiczs' attended the September meeting in follow-up to their e-mail inquiry dated September 2nd regarding building a new house on the vacant lot. We advised that once building permits are filed, the Shade Tree Committee will receive the plot plan for review and will formally inspect the site and make recommendations. We also advised that site easement requirements will be reviewed by the Township Safety Officer as they relate to shade trees currently in place at the site as part of the permitting process. General advice for protecting trees at the site during construction activities was also given.

Sprint Spectrum et al., 220 Middle Valley Road - Block 51, Lot 22.02

We received a request dated August 19th to review plans for a communications facility to be constructed at the site. The Committee will inspect and make recommendations upon request from the Planning Board.

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NEXT MEETING

The October meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Sikorski for Jan Godek
Recording Secretary