

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. Committee members present were Steve Zaikowski, Jan Godek, Charlie Parke, and Rob Sikorski.

OLD BUSINESS

Washington Township Shade Tree Notification Form

On January 15, 2014, Rob e-mailed our recommended revisions to the above (previously titled "Shade Tree Replacement Request Form") to the Washington Township Clerk's Office (Terri Lyons), for their review.

NEW BUSINESS

2014 Bare Root Planting Update

Steve reported it looks like the bare root trees will arrive the second week in April. As soon as the trees are in, we will plant. The planting is scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 12, if the trees arrive in time. If not, then the planting will be re-scheduled for Saturday, April 26 (no planting on April 19 as that is Easter weekend). Before we begin to plant, Steve will do a bare root tree planting demonstration for all in attendance.

Steve brought in sample 15" tree ties and proposed ordering these instead of arbor ties. Advantages of the tree ties include potential for re-use, holding the knot better than an arbor tie, and easier use because they are not tied and untied. In addition, only one stake would be required instead of two needed for arbor ties, translating into a cost savings because we would only need half as many stakes.

March 2014 Bartlett Tree Seminar

The seminar is scheduled for March 5, 2014 at Frelinghuysen Arboretum. Rob, Charlie and Steve plan to attend.

Shade Tree Replacement Tree List

We will wait until we get feedback from the Town regarding the Shade Tree Notification Form before communicating with homeowners who have requested replacement trees.

Third Community Forestry Management Plan – 2015-2019

Our third five-year plan will be due later this year. We started reviewing the past five-year plan in order to begin drafting the 2015-2019 plan. This review will be on-going.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The March meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Godek

Recording Secretary