

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. Committee members present were Steve Zaikowski, Pat Mills, Charlie Parke and Rob Sikorski.

OLD BUSINESS

2015 Arbor Day Tree Planting

The replacement trees were inspected by Charlie during the week of July 6th and all trees were found to be in leaf and growing. Steve and Charlie will evaluate the need for re-staking some of the trees during the summer.

2015-2019 Community Forestry Management Plan

We were informed that Alec McCartney has left the New Jersey Forestry Service and his replacement is Ms. Carrie Sargeant, Urban and Community Forestry Coordinator. By e-mail from Ms. Sargeant on July 14th, we were advised that she will facilitate review of the updates that we submitted to our plan with the NJ Forestry Council working committee in the near future.

Kenneth Zaroni – Candour Court - Brittany Hills Homeowners Association

Steve inspected the site and found 7 plum trees in serious decline as a result of the black knot disease and marked them for removal and also noted several others may succumb to the disease in the future. Steve will advise Mr. Zaroni and the DPW accordingly and will issue a memo with replacement species recommendations and planting guidelines. It is expected that the Association will arrange for replacement plantings at their own expense.

Emerald Ash Borer

Per our request, Andrew Coppola provided a list of shade tree easements on properties fronting Naughtright Road between the intersections of Windswept Way and Flocktown Road where Ash species of street trees are prevalent. 7 properties were found to have easements and 7 did not but the street trees on these properties may be within the Township Right of Way easement. The committee will continue the inventory of ash trees on Washington Township streets during the summer.

NEW BUSINESS

Hsiutai Wu – 29 Ridgeline Drive

We are in receipt of a Washington Township Shade Tree Notification Form from Mr. Wu dated June 29th advising of 2 shade trees in decline. Steve inspected the site and found 2 Red Maples under stress possibly due to a blight condition. Steve will advise Mr. Wu that we will put them on a watch status but will not recommend removal at this time.

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NEXT MEETING

The August meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Rob Sikorski on behalf of Jan Godek, Recording Secretary