

Meeting Minutes - Franklin Twsp. Shade Tree Commission – March 27, 2008

Present – Orsini, Brewer, Miller, Evans, Galdi, McLaughlin, Baumley, Marshall, Schmidt

Meeting called to Order at 7:35 PM

1. Approval of the minutes of previous meeting
Minutes of February 28, 2008 approved.

2. Tree Sale

Chairman Orsini reported on the financial success and general community enthusiasm for the tree sale. Thanks to Larry for the great suggestion of pre-ordering.

3. Arbor Day Planting

Two sites under consideration, final decision will be made just before; most likely, park on Mercury Street off Elizabeth Ave. Hope to plant 30+ trees.

4. Education/Training

Jeff Baumley met with Township Engineering staff to share with that organization his experience on correct method of tree planting and what to look for during a site visit and planting inspection. A discussion followed as to the receptivity of the training and the need for more inspection resources.

5. GPS Mapping of significant trees

Postponed until late spring/early summer

6. Dendrology

Jeff conducted additional training for the members on tree identification by bud type and shape.

7. Bartlette Report

Jeff Baumley reported to the members on his attendance at the Bartlett Seminar. It was an excellent seminar, covering Hazardous tree identification. In particular, Jeff shared with the members what he learned in the area of hazardous tree removal as an “over reaction”. Simply stated, don’t remove a tree just because it has rot or is broken. If it is a hazard, obviously remove it, but if not a hazard, consider leaving it in place. It may be protecting others.

2. Public Portion

The meeting was opened to the public for comment/questions. No members of the public were present, so the public portion of the meeting was closed.

A motion for adjournment was made and seconded; meeting adjourned 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted
John J. Brewer
Acting Secretary