

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

MINUTES

September 17, 2014, Meeting commenced at 7:02 pm

Attendees: Ann Marchino, Jerome Oker, Mike Sullivan, Erica Spott, Bill Schutter

OLD BUSINESS

- Beautification Awards will be given out tomorrow. (Ann, Mike, Bob and Bill presented awards.)
- Summer/Fall Tree Inventories/Planting – Existing Projects

Heuser Park, Executive Estates Park, Henderson and Ross Roads

The final report for the planting grant close-out has been submitted. We have ordered gator bags and deer protection guards (Bill).

The inventory grant still needs a little work with the GPS locations. We inventoried nearly 1,000 trees. The last of the money was spent on reference books that will be donated to the library -- we got permission to do that, both from the grantor and from the library. They will be kept in the reference section of the library.

- Tree Pruning Training & Work Day

Classroom session was July 30 (Don Herbert to video tape); work day was Aug 2; 55 trees pruned

- Lessons Learned from Citizen Tree Planting:
 - 1) Pound the stakes in deeper, 2) secure guys a little tighter (they loosen up), 3) make sure people tamp soil as they backfill pits (soil settles, exposing roots).

NEW BUSINESS

- Citizen's Board Breakfast is tomorrow morning (Ann was sick and did not make it.)
- Tree Pruning Training & Work Day – Round 2

Classroom session will be Sept 30, 6:30-7:30pm; work day will be Oct 5, 3-5pm Heuser Park

We bought a pole saw/pruner and sharpening kit

Barley sent notices to everyone who signed up last time.

- Fall Tree Planting – New Projects

Whitegate Park: 28 bare root trees + 4 container trees; planting day is Nov 15, 9:00 am

We need to flag tree locations the week of 11-3, so Bill can do the PA-1 call.

Heuser Park: 3 container trees (bald cypress to interplant with the pin oaks from this summer)

Trying to get container trees for Nov 15

- Upper Merion Twp Resident Trees

Residents ordered 14 bare root trees at \$25 each, which they will pick up Nov 15, and plant in front yards.

PLAN REVIEW

There were none.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm. Next meeting is Wed., Nov. 19, 7:00pm