

Upper Merion Shade Tree Commission Meeting

9-11-13

Attending: Bob Dempsey, Jerome Ocker, Bill Schutter, Erica Spott, Mike Sullivan, Barley Van Clief, and Ann Marchino (guest).

1. Meeting called to order: 7:03 PM. Ann Marchino was introduced to the group as a potential new member to fill the current vacancy.
2. Partnership with Business Improvement District: Barley and Eric Goldstein measured street tree planting areas along Goddard Blvd. and also an interior walking path on the Lockheed Martin property. With this information and with input from PA Horticultural Society, a proposal will be sent to Lockheed for an upcoming planting event.
3. Grant project update:
 - a. Volunteer inventory of trees:
 - i. Emily Hamilton, consultant from Davey Tree Experts, completed 9 hours of training for 22 community volunteers.
 - ii. There have been 469 trees inventoried as of this date. The inventory in Heuser is finished, and the Township Building Park is approximately 1/3 finished.
 - iii. The remaining trees at the Township Building Park will be inventoried on Saturday 8-12 and Sunday 1-5.
 - iv. It is probable that we will need to schedule additional dates, which can be announced informally among the trained volunteers.
 - b. Volunteer tree planting:
 - i. Nearly 50 trees have been ordered for Heuser Park and the Heuser-Case Connector Trail.
 - ii. The planting date is November 23, from 8am to 12 noon. All residents and friends are invited to participate. No experience is necessary. To volunteer, contact Barley Van Clief at bvanclief@pennhort.org.
 - iii. Volunteers so far: 36 people have signed up, and 9 others from previous planting dates will be contacted about the planting.
4. Beautification Awards:
 - i. New date for presentation: Thursday, October 17 at 7 PM.
 - ii. Two families did not respond to letters informing them that they have won the award. Barley will try to contact them.
5. Plan Review:

Four plans for upcoming development projects were reviewed by the group and constructive comments were made:

 - a. Pep Boys
 - b. Arden Courts
 - c. 707 Flint Hill
 - d. KOP Mall Expansion developments.
6. Next meeting: November 13, 2013.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 PM.