

Shade Tree Advisory Commission

Minutes for November 14, 2012

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Open Public Meetings Act Read

Roll Call:

- Mr. Hardmeyer – Present
- Dr. Craddock – Present
- Mrs. Van Orden – Present
- Mr. Smith – Present

Minutes: Membership approved last month's meetings.

- Mr. Hardmeyer, Mrs. Van Orden, and Dr. Craddock will walk around the Town of Newton on the evening of July 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss suggestions for locations and types of trees to plant – Thorlabs
- Mr. Hardmeyer – Discussion held in regards to the proposed tree reimbursement program and also amount to reimburse. Also, how to handle purchase through the local nurseries – vouchers, homeowner responsibilities, etc.
  - Mrs. Van Orden questioned if any research had been done to see if any other towns were currently doing the same. She also discussed conducting the planting in zones.
  - Mr. Smith will check to see through the Shade Tree Federation if any other towns are currently doing this same type of program.
- Mrs. Van Orden – inquired about the Elm Research Institute.
- Dr. Craddock and Mr. Smith talked about the different planting programs the government is offering.
- Group discussion was help about the Liberty Elm Tree pilot program.
- Dr. Craddock talked about the Emerald Ash Bore and Japanese beetles.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

