

**SHADE TREE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 7, 2009**

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance: K.Clark, L.Ferguson, K.Halpin, P.Huizenga, L.Starita

Absent: 0 Absent

**MINUTES:**

**Regular Meeting**

The Washington Borough Shade Tree Commission Meeting was called to order and the "Open Public Meetings Act" read into the Record. The meeting was duly advertised and posted on the Bulletin Board for Wednesday, January 7, 2009. A Motion was made by L. Starita and seconded by K. Halpin that the minutes be approved with no corrections for the meeting of November 13, 2008.

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

**NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:**

The following appointments were made for the year 2009:

A motion was made by Commissioner K. Halpin, seconded by Secretary P. Huizenga that Lou Starita be named Chairman.

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

A motion was made by Chairman L. Starita, seconded by Commissioner K. Halpin that Pat Huizenga be named Secretary.

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

**2009 Shade Tree Meeting Schedule:**

January 7, 2009  
February 11, 2009  
March 11, 2009  
April 8, 2009  
May 13, 2009  
June 10, 2009  
September 9, 2009  
October 14, 2009  
November 11, 2009

## **OATH OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The following new Commissioners took an Oath of Allegiance and signed these documents on behalf of the Shade Tree Commission:

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| 1. Lauren Ferguson | Term Expires: January 1, 2010 |
| 2. Kenneth Clark   | Term Expires: January 1, 2012 |

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. JML Landscaping- Payment for Phase II of the Cool Communities Grant (\$12,320.00) will be postponed until K. Halpin contacts Joe Bennett, Forester/Grants Coordinator. Mr. Bennett is required to inspect the trees that were planted with the grant funds.
2. 54 Alvin Sloan Ave.- L. Starita will contact the owners regarding the replacement of their R.O.W. tree without notifying the Commission. The owners never responded to the Shade Tree Commission's written request to identify the species of tree that was planted.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. 2009 Green Communities Grant- \$3,000.00 is awarded to hire a qualified expert to create a Community Forestry Management Plan. A motion was made by K. Halpin and seconded by L. Starita to contact Tom Doty for this position and Paul Cowie as a second choice. Both consultants were on the recommended list provided by the NJ Division of Parks & Forestry.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

2. 64 Grand Avenue- Owners (Kenneth & Pat Chambers) request to have a hazardous tree removed was granted. Peterson & Son provided a quote of \$420.00 to remove the tree and stump. A letter went out to notify the homeowners regarding this action.
3. 36 Grand Avenue- Owners (Daniel & Paula Aron) reported fallen limbs from their R.O.W. tree. The fallen branches fell across a pathway that is frequently used by children walking to school. K. Halpin will contact Jeremy Summit to evaluate the tree before the next Shade Tree Meeting. Peterson & Son will remove the fallen branches which the homeowner placed by the curb.
4. CORE Training Workshop- K. Clark and L. Ferguson plan to attend this workshop which is scheduled for February 28, 2009 in Paramus, NJ.

5. Shade Tree Commission designated areas- The Borough map was sectioned off to assign each Commissioner to a specific part of town. All questions received at the Municipal building will be forwarded to the Commissioner who is responsible for the relevant area.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Hearing no further business before the Commission, it was moved by L. Starita and seconded by K. Clark that the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Fleming