

SHADE TREE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2009

Meeting Called to Order: 7:10 p.m.

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

Absent: P. Huizenga

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, September 9, 2009. A Motion was made by K. Halpin and seconded by L. Starita that the minutes be approved with no corrections for the meeting of June 10, 2009.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0

COMMUNICATIONS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Cool Cities Community Grant Update - The 6 dead trees were replaced by JML Landscaping. However, 1 replacement at 22 Lambert Street is declining. JML has agreed to replace the Golden Rain Tree within the next 2 months. Also, the Tulip Trees at 23 McKinley and 343 N. Prospect Street will be replaced with Japanese Lilacs which are more suitable in size for these locations. The homeowners were sent letters regarding this development. Also, K. Halpin will present a written request to the Borough Manager regarding the Road Department's assistance in removing the trees' stakes.
2. Proclamation- Update on an alternative date in order to maintain Approved Status with Tree City USA. P. Huizenga will report back to the Commission on this issue.
3. Tree City U.S.A- P. Huizenga received 2 street signs, a banner and a plaque commemorating Washington Borough's 10 years' participation with Tree City U.S.A. The Commission plans to have the street signs posted at the two locations from Route 31 and the Borough's town line. The Borough Manager and Road Dept. will be contacted for their assistance.

4. Community Forestry Management Plan- After reviewing the 2nd Draft of the CFMP, the Shade Tree Commission has approved all the additions/corrections completed by Paul Cowie and Associates. A written acceptance will be forwarded to the consultants, allowing them to continue with the Final Copy.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2009 Temporary Budget- The Shade Tree Commission's funds are still restricted since the Borough's Temporary Budget is in place. The Actual 2009 Budget is expected to be finalized and distributed throughout all departments in October. K. Halpin suggested that all Commissioners review the compiled list of 2009 anticipated trimmings/removals. When the Budget is completed, the finalized list can then be submitted to Peterson & Son.
2. Training Program- Due to this year's budget constraints, the Commission concluded that the training program provided by Paul Cowie & Associates (\$825.00) could not be considered at this time.
3. New Jersey Shade Tree Federation Annual Conference- K. Clark will attend the CORE Training Sessions. L. Starita will attend in order to receive the Continuing Education Units and L. Ferguson has tentative plans to attend for additional C.E.U.'s. The deadline to register is October 16, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business before the Commission, it was moved by L. Ferguson and seconded by K. Clark that the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Fleming