

SHADE TREE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 9, 2010

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

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

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, June 9, 2010. A Motion was made by L. Starita and seconded by P. Huizenga that the minutes be approved for the meeting of May 12, 2010.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0

COMMUNICATIONS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Sunshine Tree & Landscape- All stump removals are completed from the Fall 2009 maintenance on Grand Avenue, and West Warren Street. The replacement of the damaged stones at 98 Youmans Avenue (during the tree removal process) is still underway. Currently, the issue is between the owner and Sunshine Tree & Landscape. L. Starita will follow-up with the progress before the September 8th Shade Tree meeting.
2. 2009 Business Stimulus Fund- The latest requirements for the grant were mailed to Joseph Bennett from the State Forestry Service on May 20, 2010. These attachments included the State and Grantee Approval pages, Project Budget signed by the CFO and the Grant Agreement signed by Mayor Scott McDonald.
3. 114 West Washington Avenue- DOT removed a Bradford Pear that had split from strong winds on May 14th. The stump was not removed during this process. L. Starita will follow-up with the State to determine if they will complete the job by removing the stump. The Commission also needs clarification on the trees that the DOT will maintain on Washington Avenue.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Large tree on the corner of Carlton and N. Lincoln Ave. – tree limbs were stretching the overhead cable wires in an outward direction. L. Starita will check with the cable company to see if they will prune any branches that interfere with their wires.

2. Fertilizing Quote – Sunshine Tree and Landscape submitted a quote for fertilizing 18 trees at the Borough Park. Their Proposal for \$3,600.00 was higher than the Commission anticipated. L. Ferguson will contact Sunshine Tree & Landscape to renegotiate the original request in order to stay within the Commission’s budget for the Washington Borough Park Project.
3. Washington Borough Municipal Building – A large pine tree at the front entrance had low branches extending over the sidewalk on E. Church Street. The Road Department trimmed the overhanging branches and mulched the area around the pine tree.
4. Shade Tree Commission Ordinance- K. Halpin recommended that the Commission update the Shade Tree section of the Washington Borough Ordinances. One of the objectives in the Community Forestry Management Plan is to revise the ordinances in order to make them relative to current needs and issues. The Commission will meet in July to review the current ordinances and note necessary changes.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Fleming