

## SHADE TREE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 7, 2014

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

Members in Attendance: K. Halpin, G. Pohorely, S. Marr

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 Monday, April 7, 2014. A Motion was made by G. Pohorely and seconded by S. Marr that the minutes be approved for the meeting of March 10, 2014.

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. 12 Oak Ridge Road Tree Removal – The homeowner removed a healthy Honey Locust Tree from the r.o.w. area. This action violates the Commission's Ordinance #76-7. The Washington Borough's Code Enforcement Officer will be notified of this violation. The homeowner will be responsible for replacing the tree with a comparable one or paying a designated fine.
2. 36 Grand Avenue- Homeowner (Dan Aron) requested a tree to be trimmed. He reported limbs growing towards his house. Mr. Aron was notified that a declining tree by his driveway was designated for removal when the Commission contracts a professional service. There are (2) other trees that will be trimmed. Mr. Aron was reassured that his property will be on the Shade Tree's Maintenance List for 2014.
3. Arbor Day Acknowledgement - S. Marr will be organizing this year's event, which will be held at Memorial School on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:45 p.m. Mayor Scott McDonald has confirmed that he will read the Arbor Day Proclamation to the students. S. Marr stated that some students have been practicing songs for the event. Douglas Fir seedlings are scheduled to be delivered to the kindergarten classes at Taylor Street School on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.
4. Green Communities Grant- Paul Cowie and Associates have submitted the first invoice for updating the Community Forestry Management Plan. The amount due (\$1,950.00) was half of Mr. Cowie's original contract to complete the update. The remaining \$1,950.00 will be paid when the CFMP update is completed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Penny Toss Farm – Proprietor, Tim Terry is donating some of his overstocked ornamental and shade trees to local families. K. Halpin met with Mr. Terry to discuss the species that are available and the planting arrangement. The 4-6” caliper trees that Mr. Terry has to offer are suitable as street trees. K. Halpin noted that there are approximately (14) possible locations for planting throughout the town. Mr. Terry is willing to plant the trees for the Commission. G. Pohorely made a motion and seconded by S. Marr to not exceed \$1,500.00 in the cost of planting the (14) donated trees from Penny Toss Farm.

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

2. Declining Pin Oak Tree – K. Halpin commented on a declining Pin Oak tree located on the corner of Broad Street and Youmans Avenue. It was suggested that this r.o.w. tree be added to the removal list for 2014.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Hearing no further business before the Commission, it was moved by G. Pohorely and seconded by S. Marr that the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fleming