

**SHADE TREE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 16, 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, June 16, 2014. A Motion was made by G. Pohorely and seconded by S. Marr that the amended minutes be approved for the meeting of May 19, 2014.

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

COMMUNICATIONS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Quotes for the Sunrise Terrace and Borough Park- No quotes have been received at the scheduled Shade Tree Meeting date. The Commissioners unanimously agreed to meet in July when the quotes are available.
2. 2014 Maintenance List- The current maintenance list will be reviewed after the Sunrise Terrace and Borough Park job is completed. Any future maintenance will greatly depend on the amount of funds that remain in the Shade Tree 2014 Budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 189 Belvidere Avenue – Property owned by the Redeemed Christian Church of God needed trees to be trimmed on the corner on the property. Shade Tree Commissioner, K. Halpin visited the location and confirmed that the trees are not in the r.o.w. area. A letter will be sent to the property owner informing them that any tree maintenance will be their responsibility.
2. 38 Beethoven Avenue- Property Owner (Anna Malaret) reported a declining tree in front of her property. Shade Tree Commissioner, G. Pohorely visited the location and determined that the tree could use some minor trimming but was not a hazard. This address will be added to the Maintenance List for future referenece.

3. 244 West Warren Street – Property Owners (Robert & Deborah Smolar) submitted a written request to have their Maple Tree removed due to carpenter ants. K. Halpin suggested that Bartlett Tree Service evaluate the condition of the tree and determine if it needs to be removed. This issue will be reviewed after Bartlett’s recommendation. No action will be taken at this time.
4. 63 Park Avenue – Property Owner (Dale Patterson) needed to confirm if the tree in front of his home was in the r.o.w. Mr. Patterson intends to replace it with another tree. G. Pohorely confirmed that the tree was not in the r.o.w. area. A letter will be sent to the property owner stating that he is responsible for any maintenance on the tree.
5. Downtown Business District – There are weeds growing through the grates that surround the downtown trees. K. Halpin would like to resolve this issue before any chemical is applied that may be toxic to the trees. Kathy will make some inquiries regarding the grate maintenance.

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 8:00 p.m.

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fleming