

**SHADE TREE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 8, 2015**

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

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

**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 8, 2015. A Motion was made by G. Pohorely and seconded by S. Marr that the minutes be approved for the meeting of May 11, 2015.

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Grand Avenue and Presidential Avenue Maintenance - Some residents have requested that trees be trimmed on Grand Avenue. They were informed that a professional tree service has been contracted for maintenance at that location. Sunshine Tree and Landscape will be contacted in order to attain an approximate schedule date for this work.
2. 25 School Street – The Red Maple in the r.o.w. area was evaluated at the property owner’s request. It has a large cavity and was recommended to be removed. The Commission suggested that additional quotes be requested since the Shade Tree’s maintenance budget has limited funds. This issue will be reviewed at the September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.
3. 59 West Stewart Street - The property owners were concerned about the condition of a tree in the r.o.w. area of their property. The declining Maple tree was evaluated and has been scheduled to be removed in June. This location is on the same purchase order as the Grand Avenue and Presidential Avenue work. There is no further action to be taken at this time.
4. 7 Railroad Avenue- Tree branches are reported to be obstructing drivers’ view from Park Avenue when making a left turn onto Railroad Avenue. The property owner (Seth

Levine) of Washington Norse, LLC provided a phone number for their maintenance worker at the Railroad Avenue Apartments. He is willing to trim any vegetative growth that is impeding the visibility for drivers. In the Spring, the area was not an issue. However, the vegetation is now fully grown and the visibility is obstructed. The building manager will be contacted to maintain the corner of Park and Railroad Avenue.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. 262 West Warren Street - Property Owner (Tracey Yawger) requested that a tree in the r.o.w. area be evaluated. Ms. Yawger expressed concern about the amount of fallen branches. It was determined that the Norway Maple has a large area of decay in a section that hangs over the street. The recommendation was for the tree to be removed. The Commission suggested that additional quotes be requested and later reviewed at the September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.
2. 122 Wayne Street - Property Owner (Elaine Trachin) requested that a tree in the r.o.w. area of her corner property be evaluated. A professional tree service determined that the Norway Maple is in decline and will possibly die in the next year or two. It does not appear to be in any immediate danger at this time. The Commission will add this address to the ongoing maintenance list for future reference. A letter will be sent to the property owners stating this information.
3. 88 Flower Avenue- Commissioner, S. Marr reported a r.o.w. tree with a 6-7 inch limb that was recently trimmed off. Since the property owner did not contact the Commission prior to this action, it is a violation of the Shade Tree Ordinance #76-6 and #76-7. S. Marr suggested that a letter be sent to the owners stating the offense and include a copy of the specific ordinance. There will not be a monetary fine enforced in this situation but will be used as an opportunity to educate the homeowner about the Shade Tree regulations.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Hearing no further business before the Commission, it was moved by S. Marr and seconded by M. Marotta that the meeting be adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fleming