

SHADE TREE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 11, 2016

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, January 11, 2016. A Motion was made by G. Pohorely and seconded by S. Marr that the minutes be approved for the meeting of November 9, 2015.

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:

The following appointments were made for the year 2016:

A Motion was made by Commissioner G. Pohorely, and seconded by Commissioner S. Marr that Kathy Halpin be named Chairman.

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

A Motion was made by Commissioner S. Marr, and seconded by Commissioner K. Halpin that Gary Pohorely be named Secretary.

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

THE SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2016:

Kathy Halpin, Chairman
Gary Pohorely, Secretary

2016 SHADE TREE MEETING SCHEDULE:

January 11, 2016
February 8, 2016
March 14, 2016
April 11, 2016
May 9, 2016
June 13, 2016
September 12, 2016
October 17, 2016
November 14, 2016

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Arbor Day Pamphlet: November/December 2015
2. Arbor Day Pamphlet: January/February 2016

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Tree City Recertification Application – S. Marr completed the annual application by the December 31, 2015 deadline. The New Jersey State Forester, Carrie Sargeant will be contacted before the February meeting to confirm the outcome of the Shade Tree Commission's recertification for 2016.
2. 25 North Pickel Avenue – Property Owner (Karen Burke) submitted a written request for a second assessment of 3 r.o.w. trees in front of her house. Ms. Burke is concerned about the condition of the trees and the uneven trimming that was previously done by JCP&L. The trees are leaning towards the street and posing a potential hazard. A professional tree service evaluated the Norway Maples and determined that they need to be removed due to the harsh pruning from the power company and visible decay. The Commission will request quotes for this property along with two other locations that are scheduled for removals. These locations are 262 West Warren Street and 35 Youmans Avenue. A letter will be sent to Karen Burke to inform her of this progress.
3. End of 2015 Budget – The remaining amount in the 2015 budget was \$25.31. The 2015 Budget allowed the Commission to remove 15 potentially hazardous trees and trim and elevate trees on Grand Avenue and Presidential Drive. The trees along the downtown business district were also trimmed and elevated.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Arbor Day – S. Marr noted that Arbor Day is April 29th and would like to plan the location for the Celebration this year. The seedling catalog is available for placing an order. This topic will be further discussed at the February meeting.

2. CEU Credits- G. Pohorely commented that there are other locations to obtain the necessary CEU credits for Approved Status under the Community Forestry Assistance Act. S. Marr added that she would like to attend workshops that have relevant topics to benefit our municipality. The sessions offered at the annual conferences are not always applicable. The Commissioners will actively pursue any opportunities that arise throughout the year.

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 7:40 p.m.

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fleming