

**SHADE TREE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 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, April 11, 2016. A Motion was made by G. Pohorely and seconded by S. Marr that the minutes be approved for the meeting of March 14, 2016.

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

COMMUNICATIONS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CSIP Grant - The Shade Tree Commissioners reviewed the Grant Proposal that was prepared by G. Pohorely. The Community Stewardship Incentive Program will enable the Shade Tree Commission to acquire and plant approximately 54 trees with the requested grant funding of \$16,200.00. Many of these trees will be replacing the ones that have been removed over the years. The Grant application’s deadline is April 15, 2016. All necessary attachments for the application will be submitted to the NJ DEP State Forest Service in Trenton by the due date.
2. 25 School Street - The homeowner was notified that a sapling near a declining tree in the r.o.w. was recommended to also be removed. Louis Cicala of 25 School Street was in agreement to have both the sapling and the declining Red Maple removed at the same time. This additional information will be relayed to the tree service when the location is scheduled for maintenance.
3. Arbor Day Preparations - S. Marr is organizing the Arbor Day Acknowledgement at Taylor Street Elementary School on April 22, 2016. Mayor, Scott McDonald will be reading “The Tinker’s Willow” by Edward W. Frenz and the Arbor Day Proclamation. The Shade Tree Commission will provide Douglas Fir seedings for all the kindergarten students. S. Marr will be representing the Commission and will relay the events at the May 9th Shade Tree meeting.

4. 253 Carlton Avenue - Property Owner (Charles Carroll) has sewer pipe issues due to the roots of a Norway Maple in the r.o.w. area. K. Halpin informed Mr. Carroll that the Commission had discussed his concern at the March 14th meeting and agreed to remove the tree that has been causing this issue. He was told that the location will be added to the 2016 Maintenance List.
5. Downtown Business District Tree Fertilizer - K. Halpin will discuss the Mulch Tea with Penny Toss Farms proprietor, Tim Terry. The grates around the downtown trees need to be lifted in order to weed and apply this recommended fertilizer. Applying Preen as a weed control was also a suggestion. However, this product may require an individual who is certified in handling large quantities of chemical materials.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business before the Commission, it was moved by S. Marr and seconded by G. Pohorely that the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fleming