

**SHADE TREE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 13, 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, June 13, 2016. A Motion was made by G. Pohorely and seconded by K. Halpin that the amended minutes be approved for the meeting of May 9, 2016.

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Plymouth Rock Management Company – Claim # 054101451041 states that a pedestrian fell on a raised sidewalk due to roots of a town tree. The insured property owners are Jeffrey & Sharon Gulick at 118 Wayne Street. G. Pohorely noted that the sidewalk is lifted 1-2 inches in front of the Gulick’s home. However, the homeowner is responsible for any maintenance to their sidewalk. The Shade Tree Commission is also in compliance with the New Jersey Shade Tree and Community Forestry Assistance Act. This provides liability protection to participating municipalities and counties that have approved status.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. 8 Oak Ridge Road – Property Owner (June Ferry) removed a Honey Locust tree from the right-of-way area without consulting the Shade Tree Commission. Mrs. Ferry attended the meeting and commented that the tree was planted over a water line and that JCP&L had also pruned it back excessively. She was not aware that it was considered a town tree. The Commissioners decided not to fine Mrs. Ferry. No further action will be taken at this time.
2. Downtown Business District Tree Fertilizer and Weeding – G. Pohorely and boy scout troop #157 were available to weed the grates in the downtown business district. However, the grates around the downtown trees were heavy and difficult to lift. Unfortunately, only 7 grates were weeded due to this obstacle.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. 47 Alvin Sloan Avenue - Homeowners (Robert & Melissa Cammarota) reported a declining tree in the right-of-way area. Washington Borough Code Enforcement Officer, R. Bescherer confirmed that the tree is dying and recommended that it should be added to the maintenance list as a removal.
2. 128 Sunrise Terrace - Shade Tree Commissioner, S. Marr observed a hazardous tree in the right-of-way area. The Norway Maple appears distressed and will be added to the maintenance list.
3. 2016 Shade Tree Commission Budget - A Motion was made by K. Halpin and seconded by G. Pohorely to requests bids on hazardous trees throughout the Borough.

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

The bids will be reviewed at the September meeting

**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 7:45 p.m.

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fleming