

**SHADE TREE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 14, 2019**

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

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

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 Wednesday, August 14, 2019. A Motion was made by S. Marr and seconded by G. Pohorely that the amended minutes be approved for the meeting of July 15, 2019.

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Tree City Bulletin: July/August 2019 Upcycling Urban Wood - This pamphlet will be filed for future reference.
2. The Shade Tree Bi-Monthly Bulletin – Article “Why Limbs Fall in the Yard” will be placed on the Shade Tree Commission’s webpage.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Amended Proposal for Tree Maintenance – Due to recent storm damage, the Commissioners needed to review the remaining budget in order to prioritize current tree maintenance. A Motion was made by S. Marr and seconded by G. Pohorely to modify the current tree proposal #11025 by substituting tree elevation in the Washington Meadows development with the removal of storm damaged trees.

Ayes: 3, Nay: 0
Motion Carried

K. Halpin commented that she will contact DPW Supervisor, Jonathan James to trim specific town trees in the Washington Meadows development this Fall. She and the DPW will view the location together.

2. 2019 Remaining STC Budget - The Commission will review the remaining locations on the current tree maintenance list. Any additional work will be prioritized by potential hazardous conditions or other circumstances that occur before the end of the year.

3. 160 Harding Drive – The property owner (James Conway) requested assistance to discard most of the remaining chips off his property, after a tree and the stump were removed. K. Halpin suggested that the Commissioners find volunteers that could assist the owner with his request. The owner will be notified of this update.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 11-13 Jackson Ave.- Owner (Willfried Seiz) reported a declining tree in front of his property. G. Pohorely measured the right-of-way at the location. It was determined that the dying tree was one foot beyond the r.o.w. area. The property owner was informed that he was responsible for the tree maintenance. No further action was needed.
2. 5 Ridgetop Terrace – Owner (Pinakin Patel) reported a storm damaged tree in the right-of-way. The tree was also described to be blocking the sidewalk. The DPW removed the fallen tree without any incident. This removal will be noted on the Shade Tree inventory list.
3. 61 West Stewart St. – A concerned neighbor reported hazardous branches in a town tree. Sunshine Tree and Landscape were working on tree maintenance in town the same day as the report. They removed a large spear-like branch that was a potential hazard.
4. 129 McDonald St. – A large limb snapped from a Norway Maple due to high winds. This is the second time in two weeks that the tree has been subjected to storm damage. The Commission has agreed that this should be added the maintenance list as a removal. A letter will be sent to the property owners regarding this update.

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