

**SHADE TREE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 12, 2019**

Meeting Called to Order: 7:12 p.m.

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

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 Tuesday, November 12, 2019. A Motion was made by S. Marr and seconded by D. Butler that the minutes be approved for the meeting of October 15, 2019.

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 1
Motion Carried

COMMUNICATIONS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 47 Alvin Sloan Avenue - A Red Maple was replaced at the property location. The property owner, Robert Cammarota was pleased with the new tree. K. Halpin recommended 5 gallons of water per week would be beneficial for the newly planted Maple tree. This replacement will be amended on the town inventory list.
2. 201 Belvidere Avenue – Property Owners (Paul & Natalie DePretis) previously submitted a letter to the Shade Tree Commission seeking permission to remove a town tree due to excavation work on their property. The main water line and sewer line needs to be replaced. There has been no activity at this location since the Commission responded to the DePretis’ request. D. Butler suggested any future correspondence to property owners should include reference to the appropriate Shade Tree Commission’s Ordinance # for clarification.
3. Replacement Trees in the Downtown Business District – Two Pear trees were replaced by the PNC Bank along W. The third tree could not be replaced near School St. due to remaining roots from the previous tree. K. Halpin suggested a Dogwood tree at an alternate site at the Washington Library. There is currently an open space from a dead tree removed earlier this year. The Commissioners agreed that the library would be the most logical location. Sunshine Tree & Landscape will be contacted to order and replace the trees before the end of the year.
4. 27 Belvidere Ave. – The remaining tree stump removal is still pending due to the property owner’s request to repair the sidewalk. The funds are encumbered for 2019. There has not been any recent communication from the property owner (Robert Lawkiel) regarding this issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tree City Reapplication - The application will be prepared and submitted to the State Forester before 12/31/19 in order to keep the approved status as a member of Tree City USA.
2. 38 North Pickel Avenue – Property Owners (Michael & Florence Dolobach) reported a split tree due to storm damage. S. Marr visited the location to determine that the tree is in the right-of-way area. Since there are no remaining funds in the 2019 Shade Tree budget, the property location will be placed on the maintenance list. A letter will be sent to the property owners stating this decision.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business before the Commission, it was moved by D. Butler and seconded by S. McDonald that the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fleming