

SHADE TREE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 8, 2021

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

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

Absent: S. Marr

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 Thursday, April 8, 2021. A Motion was made by G. Pohorely and seconded by D. Butler that the minutes be approved for the meeting of March 11, 2021.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Tree City Bulletin: March/April 2021 “Saving Natural Areas in Cities - This will be filed for future reference.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Arbor Day Update – This occasion is scheduled for April 25, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. K. Halpin reported that it will be advertised on Facebook. It was also suggested that the schools be notified to spread awareness of the occasion. Mayor, David Higgins will read the Arbor Day Proclamation. The invitation was also extended to the Borough Council members.
2. Borough Website Volunteer Form – The Shade Tree Commission is now included on the Volunteer Form. Two prospective volunteers are able to complete and submit these forms. The Borough Council appoints any additional Shade Tree Commissioners. Prior to this step, the Borough Ordinance was amended to allow additional members. There will be a 2nd Reading at the 4/20/21 Council meeting, which allows the public to address any questions regarding the amended ordinance.
3. Shade Tree Inventory List -The list needs to be updated, since it was created in 2006. The Commissioners have discovered many flaws throughout the years. The Commission will need to request additional funds to hire a certified company for this project. Scott McDonald suggested that it would be beneficial to relay this request to the Borough Council, so they are aware of the necessary increase for the 2022 budget.
4. Replacement Trees from Sunshine Tree & Landscape – The proposal for the Grand Ave. replacement trees has not been submitted at this time. The trees will probably be purchased and planted this Fall. This topic will be discussed at a later Shade Tree meeting.

5. 29 Alvin Sloan – Property owner (Vic Cioni) requested to select a replacement tree when the dead Ash is removed from the right-of-way. K. Halpin provided the book “Trees of New Jersey Streets” to help with his decision. Mr. Cioni prefers a Beech, Elm or Red Maple when the replacement opportunity occurs.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 345 Belvidere Ave.- Property owner (Anthony Sbriscia) reported 3 dead Spruce trees and 1 large Ash tree. They border on Independence Street of this corner property. G. Pohorely measured the roadway and confirmed that these trees are in the right-of-way area. This location will be placed on the maintenance list. D. Butler also visited the address and agreed that the trees need to be removed.
2. Tree Diapers – These products are planned for the trees in the downtown area. Some of them will be applied around future replacements trees in right-of-way locations.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business before the Commission, it was moved by S. McDonald and seconded by D. Butler that the meeting be adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fleming