

SHADE TREE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 16, 2023

Meeting Called to Order: 7:06 p.m.

Members in Attendance: K. Halpin, S. McDonald, J. Brown, M. Christie, D. Butler

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, February 16, 2023. A Motion was made by S. McDonald and seconded by J. Brown that the minutes be approved for the meeting of January 12, 2023.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0 Abstain: 0
Motion Carried

COMMUNICATIONS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 2 Oak Ridge: The tree needs to be measured to confirm ownership of tree – Add to maintenance list
2. Commissioners gave their recommendations for new trees to be planted.
 - A. G. Pohorely was not at the meeting but made his recommendations via email based off our maintenance list.
 - B. S. McDonald suggested 58 Alvin Sloan.
 - C. M. Christie suggested a strip of land on Myrtle Ave – Need to investigate the right of way to see if we can plant trees in this space.
 - D. Use the maintenance list to plant trees – Try and have it all together for the next meeting.
 - E. Arbor Day April 28/29, 2023 – Need to gather all the information for Planting so G. Pohorley can start getting things ready to plant trees.
 - F. D. Butler stated that there is a stump on Sunrise Terrace that needs to be removed. He will get the address of the property.
3. 5-year plan -will discuss at our next meeting everyone needs to bring their book with them. K. Halpin stated that once the announcement of the grant is posted they will schedule meetings

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made by K. Halpin and seconded by S. McDonald to go into executive session for pending litigation.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. After bids have been awarded L. Geller needs to send out letters to the residents to let them know work will be done.
2. NJ Forestry annual meeting on 3/18/23 at Cook Campus – Topic Climate Change – J. Brown was interested in this meeting. K. Halpin will forward the information.
3. Tree City and the Accomplishment reports were sent out by K. Halpin. Tree City had no information to send the report. K. Halpin was able to get info to send the report out.
4. Arbor Day & Tree City – Needs someone to run the programs going forward. S. McDonald & M. Christie will help.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by J. Brown and seconded by D. Butler to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Geller