

SHADE TREE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 10, 2011

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

Members in Attendance: L. Starita, K. Halpin, L. Ferguson
Absent: P.Huizenga,

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, January 10, 2011. A Motion was made by K. Halpin and seconded by L. Ferguson that the minutes be approved for the meeting of December 15, 2010.

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:

The following appointments were made for the year 2011:

A motion was made by Commissioner K. Halpin, seconded by Commissioner L. Ferguson that Lou Starita be named Chairman.

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

A motion was made by Commissioner K. Halpin, seconded by Commissioner L. Ferguson that Pat Huizenga be named Secretary.

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

THE SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2011:

Lou Starita, Chairman
Pat Huizenga, Secretary

2011 SHADE TREE MEETING SCHEDULE:

January 10, 2011
February 14, 2011
March 14, 2011
April 11, 2011
May 9, 2011
June 13, 2011
September 12, 2011
October 10, 2011
November 14, 2011

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Resolution #24-2011 reappointed Kathy Halpin to serve as a member of the Shade Tree Commission to January 1, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Maintenance at the Washington Borough Park - Sunshine Tree & Landscape has completed the deep root fertilization, trimming and removal of specific trees at the Borough Park. L. Ferguson will prepare a brief summary of the Park Project. The final stages of the Business Stimulus Fund Grant will include the expenditure, summary and vendor job creation reports that are required by the State Forestry Service.
2. Washington Borough Website- The newly expanded Shade Tree Commission webpage is accessible on the Borough's website. L. Ferguson will provide additional content to the page prior to the February 14th Shade Tree Commission meeting.
3. Tree City USA- The application to reinstate the Shade Tree Commission's membership was submitted on 12/30/10. Tree City will confirm the Commission's status after the application has been approved.
4. Peterson & Sons Tree Service, Inc.- The trim and removals for 2010 were completed at the following locations:

265 W. Warren St.- *Removal
122 Sunrise Terrace -* Removal
145 Sunrise Terrace - *Removal
161 Sunrise Terrace - *Removal
13 South Pickel Ave.- *Removal
45-47 North Jackson Ave.-* Removal
49 State St. – Trim
44 West Warren St.-Trim
58 West Stewart St –Trim (+ 2 additional trees on same street)
* stump removal included

NEW BUSINESS:

1. JCP&L Trim & Removals- Nelson Tree Service, Inc. will be trimming trees in the Washington area within the next few weeks. General Foreman, Charles Kitts contacted the Shade Tree Commission to notify and explain their service. The tree work is strictly associated with preventing electrical outages and related problems. The work is done at no expense to the homeowner or the Borough. Mr. Kitts will notify homeowners if any tree needs to be removed due to the conditions previously mentioned. The Shade Tree Commission requested that the wood chips be left at the Borough Park to be disbursed at a later time.

The Shade Tree Commission provided Nelson Tree Service with the following list of locations that require trimming near electric wires (homeowners' requests). This is to place an emphasis on specific areas, while they are working in town.

28 Grand Ave.
110 West Washington Ave.
115-117 North Prospect St.
25 Carlton Ave.
190 Broad St.
183 East Washington Ave.

2. 2010 Annual Accomplishment Report- K. Halpin will complete and submit this annual report prior to the February 15, 2011 deadline.
3. Covanta Tree Donations- L. Starita will explore possible tree donations sponsored by Covanta and report his results at the next Shade Tree Commission meeting on February 14th.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business before the Commission, it was moved by L. Starita and seconded by L. Ferguson that the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Ayes: 3, Nay
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Fleming