

**SHADE TREE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 12, 2012**

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

Members in Attendance: K. Halpin, L. Ferguson

Absent:

**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, March 12, 2012. A Motion was made by K. Halpin and seconded by L. Ferguson that the minutes be approved for the meeting of February 14, 2012.

Ayes: 0, Nays: 0

**Motion Pending on additional members**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Borough Council Meeting- Shade Tree Chairman, L. Starita attended the March 6th Borough Council meeting at the request of Councilwoman, Jeanine Gleba. The council members required some clarification on the revisions made to the Shade Tree Ordinances. The Borough attorney reviewed the changes at an earlier time and added some minor adjustments to the Shade Tree Ordinances. The Council suggested that a liason between the Shade Tree Commission and the Planning Board would be beneficial in specific circumstances.  
At this time, L. Starita also commented that the Shade Tree needs volunteers in order to remain an active Borough Commission. Due to his recent address change, Lou is leaving his position as the Shade Tree Chairman. He regretfully submitted a letter of resignation at the Shade Tree Commission’s March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.
2. Election and Reappointments of the Shade Tree Commission members- Due to the small number of Commissioners, a Motion cannot be accomplished in order to set appointments or approve Minutes from past meetings dates. The Commission needs a minimum of three members to vote on any Motion. The 2012 meeting schedule will not be published until the dates have approved by a unanimous vote. This action is also pending on the presence of a third Commissioner.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. 104 Harding Drive- Homeowner (Paul Jones) inquired about the stump that was left after the removal of his Norway Maple. Due to the extensive amount of storm damage throughout the town last October, the stumps from the r.o.w. tree removals were not eliminated. Priorities were placed on hazardous conditions that needed immediate attention after the storm. Mr. Jones was informed that his address is on the 2012 maintenance list along with the other properties that have tree stumps remaining, due to similar circumstances.
2. New Commissioners- K. Halpin suggested that the need for Shade Tree volunteers be advertised on Washington Borough's main website. Currently, this request only appears on the Shade Tree Commission's page.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Ayes: 0, Nays: 0

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Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fleming