

SHADE TREE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 14, 2012

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

Members in Attendance: K. Halpin, L. Ferguson, S. Marr
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 Monday, May 14, 2012. A Motion was made by S. Marr and seconded by L. Ferguson that the minutes be approved for the meeting of April 9, 2012.

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter from BASF with a \$600.00 donation to support the Shade Tree Commission's Arbor Day activity. This assistance will pay for the purchase and planting of a White Oak Tree at Memorial Elementary School.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Arbor Day- The original date (April 23rd) was changed to May 22, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. since Memorial School had previously scheduled tests throughout the day. K. Halpin will be accompanied by either the Mayor or Councilwoman Jeanne Gleba to read the Arbor Day Proclamation to the students. If weather permits, this event will take place on the school's front lawn near the recently planted White Oak Tree
2. Replacement of (2) Koelreuteria paniculata in the downtown business district- After reviewing the quotes for the replacements, a Motion was made by L. Ferguson and seconded by S. Marr that the trees be ordered from the Plant Farm Gardens & Nursery in Washington.

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bartlett Tree Experts Soil Management application- Bartlett itemized three separate treatment costs for the Commission to review. The Soil Management application is specifically for the trees in the downtown business district. The Pest Management treatment is to suppress the webworm in (39) Honeylocust trees and a Growth Regulator for (3) Ginko Trees on the intersection of Belvidere and Washington Avenue. K. Halpin suggested that the BID may be able to share the Soil Management cost, since it involves the trees in the downtown district. Kathy will approach Sandi Cerami with this idea and report her response at the June 11th Shade Tree meeting.
2. Lower Park Avenue-The DPW reported 2 dead Maple trees located near the east end of Lower Park Avenue where it meets Route 31 South. K. Halpin evaluated the location and determined that the trees need to be removed. The two trees will be added to the 2012 Maintenance list.
3. 32 Lambert Street- Homeowner (Marianne VanDeursen) reported that her Pear tree in the r.o.w. area was dying and was willing to replace it at her own expense. She requested a list of street trees to help make her selection. A copy of "Trees for New Jersey Streets" was sent to the VanDeursens along with some recommended tree services for the removal of the dying Pear tree.
4. 2012 Budget- The Borough Council approved the 2012 Budget which allows the Shade Tree Commission \$13,500.00 for expenditures. The Budget was recently sent to the State for the final approval.
5. 2012 Maintenance List- The majority of the Maintenance List consists of stump removals. There were approximately 17 trees that needed removal from the October storm last year. The stumps were left due to the limited funds available at the end of 2011.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fleming