

**SHADE TREE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 24, 2014**

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

Members in Attendance: K. Halpin, G. Pohorely, S. Marr
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, February 24, 2014. A Motion was made by G. Pohorely and seconded by S. Marr that the minutes be approved for the meeting of January 13, 2014.

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

COMMUNICATIONS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Tree City Recertification Application - S. Marr completed the annual application by the December 31, 2013 deadline. The State Forester will be contacted to confirm that the Shade Commission has been reappointed to Tree City U.S.A.
2. 12 Oak Ridge Road Tree Removal - K. Halpin will confirm if the homeowner removed a Honey Locust Tree from the r.o.w. area. If this is the case, the homeowner did not get the Shade Tree Commission's consent to remove a healthy tree. The action violates the Commission's Ordinance #76-7. The homeowner would be charged a \$500.00 fine or requested to replace the tree with a comparable one within the r.o.w. area.

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2014 Maintenance List - The Shade Tree Commissioners are working with an updated maintenance list for 2014. Since the Borough has a temporary budget in place, there are limited funds at the present time. The list will be evaluated throughout the year. There is no further action at this time

2. 79 West Stewart Street- Owner (Kathleen Marisca) intends to remove a tree located in the front of her property but wanted to confirm that it did not belong to the town. K. Halpin visited the location and confirmed that it was not in the r.o.w. area. Ms. Marisca was notified that she was responsible for the tree removal. There is no further action needed.
3. Arbor Day - the annual Arbor Day Acknowledgement will be held at Memorial Elementary School this year. S. Marr will contact the Superintendent, Mr. Rosza to schedule a convenient date for the event.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business before the Commission, it was moved by G. Pohorely and seconded by S. Marr that the meeting be adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fleming