

**SHADE TREE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 13, 2015**

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

Members in Attendance: K. Halpin, G. Pohorely, S. Marr, M. Marotta
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, April 13, 2015. A Motion was made by G. Pohorely and seconded by S. Marr that the minutes be approved for the meeting of March 9, 2015.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Tree City Bulletin #12 What City Foresters Do will be filed with Tree City Bulletins
2. The Shade Tree Commission received an Arbor Day Foundation Notice of Recognition for reaching a milestone 15 years with the Tree City USA program.
3. An invitation for the State Arbor Day Celebration was extended to the Shade Tree Commissioners. It is being held at Wesley Bishop Park in Moorestown, NJ on April 24th.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 2015 Arbor Day Acknowledgement - K. Halpin contacted Penny Toss Farm’s proprietor, Tim Terry to confirm the plans for planting the Dogwood Tree at the Washington Public Library on April 20th. This will be in conjunction with the Woman’s Club dedication to Marie Snover. S. Marr organized the day’s event and reviewed the itinerary for the Arbor Day Celebration. Mr. & Mrs. Snover’s family and friends as well as Kiwanis Club members, are expected to be at the dedication ceremony.

S. Marr also picked up the 100 Redbud seedlings that will be distributed to the Kindergarten classes at Taylor Street School on April 24th. This is the Shade Tree Commission’s annual contribution to acknowledge Arbor Day in the classrooms.

2. 23 Valley View Terrace – Homeowner (Donna Stackhouse) sent a second request to have 3 declining Spruce trees removed from the r.o.w. area. K. Halpin suggested that Sunshine Tree & Landscape evaluate the trees and discuss the results at the May 11th Shade Tree meeting. A letter will be sent to the property owner stating this process.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2015 Department Budgets Approved - The Shade Tree Commission has their annual budget for this year's expenditures. The maintenance list will be reviewed to prioritize potentially hazardous locations. Chairperson, K. Halpin recommended that the Commission request quotes for trimming and removals on Grand Avenue and Presidential Avenue. One of the Community Forestry Management Plan's goals is to implement a tree maintenance program for the town. A tree service from the quotes will be selected at the May 11th Shade Tree Commission meeting.
2. Penny Toss Farm Donated Trees - A Motion was made by K. Halpin and seconded by S. Marr to encumber \$1,500.00 for Penny Toss Farm's proprietor, Tim Terry to plant his donated trees in 2015. This amount was originally set aside in 2014 but the planting schedule was delayed until this year. Consequently, the original \$1,500.00 was spent on the removal of trees and the end of 2014.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

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 7:45 p.m.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fleming