

**BOROUGH OF WEST READING**  
**SHADE TREE COMMISSION**  
**May 8, 2018**

The Shade Tree Commission met on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at Borough Hall. The meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m. with Ron Schweitzer, Chad Moyer, Lynne Burns, Public Works Director Dean Murray, and Borough Manager Cathy Hoffman in attendance.

**Visitors:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of the Minutes:**

**Moved** by Mr. Moyer and seconded by Ms. Burns to approve the minutes of March 13, 2018. **Motion carried** (The Commission did not meet in April.)

**Old Business:**

**Penn Avenue Trees** – The Lilac and Purple Plum trees that were planted on the Avenue last fall are doing well, as are the single stem Magnolias on the 000 block of S. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Oak Terrace Trees** – Mr. Murray asked for the list of residents on Oak Terrace who would like to have a tree planted on their property so he can move forward with this project.

**Reading Hospital** – The trees that need to be removed from the Hospital property will be taken down by the end of June. Zelcova trees have been planned for 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Heritage Oaks for Parkside Drive North.

**4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Trees** – The possibility of planting Oaks was discussed and Mr. Murray suggested that something different be planted because Heritage Oaks have been planned for Oak Terrace.

**Buttonwood Street** – Stoltzfus Tree Service will be removing the sycamore trees on the north side of the street.

Also discussed:

- The installation of tree plates vs concrete curbing was discussed briefly.
- Mr. Murray will prepare a list of trees to be planted so that a letter can be sent to the residents that will be receiving them to prepare their property by repairing curbs or sidewalks if necessary.

**New Business:**

**Commission Composition** – The Commission reviewed an ordinance amendment that will allow the Commission to increase the membership to five residents. Moved by Mr. Moyer and seconded by Ms. Burns to recommend to Council the advertising of the proposed ordinance. **Motion carried.**

Discussion ensued concerning the possibility of changing the meeting time in order to obtain new members however it was the position of the Commission that this should not be done until it becomes necessary to do so.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Hoffman