

**BOROUGH OF WEST READING**  
**SHADE TREE COMMISSION**  
**August 14, 2018**

The Shade Tree Commission met on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at Borough Hall. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. with Ron Schweitzer, Chad Moyer, Public Works Director Dean Murray, and Borough Manager Cathy Hoffman in attendance. Lynne Burns was unable to attend.

**Visitors:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of the Minutes:**

**Moved** by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Moyer to approve the minutes of June 12, 2018. **Motion carried.**

**Old Business:**

**Oak Terrace Trees** – Of the trees recently planted along Oak Terrace, one has died at the end of the cul-de-sac.

**Trees Planted** – Thirty-six trees have been planted this year along S. 4<sup>th</sup>, S. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ann and N. 7<sup>th</sup> (as well as the tree on Oak Terrace) and appear to be doing well. Several have also been planted in the park.

**Tree Removal** – Stoltzfus Tree Service has removed the Sycamore trees on the north side of Buttonwood. The stumps have been ground and the site remediated with soil and seed. Mr. Murray is also looking for pricing to remove Sycamore trees on the south side of the street.

The tops of five trees along Franklin Street have died, they were removed by the Borough Crew and the stumps ground.

**Tree Trimming** – Trees along Playground Drive and Wayne Avenue are scheduled for trimming or removal as necessary, but will be completed by a tree service company. The Borough currently lacks equipment to complete this type of work. Therefore, Mr. Murray will be looking for a grant to assist in the purchase of a larger bucket truck.

The owner of 321 Summit Street has requested the removal of two Silver Maple trees that were planted in a planting strip that is too small. Mr. Murray plans to remove these trees.

Requests for trimming have been received from 235 Reading Avenue, 742 Wayne Avenue, 425 Sycamore, 318 and 428 Playground, and 209 and 223 Olive Street.

**Reading Hospital** – The Hospital has removed eight trees around their campus, and plans to plant four or five. The Borough will be trimming several trees on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue along the Hospital campus.

**New Business:**

The Shade Tree Commission Ordinance was reviewed to determine if any further changes are needed other than the number of committee members which will be changed from three to five. No other changes were recommended. A request for new members will be made through the Borough's website as well as social media.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Hoffman