

**BOROUGH OF WEST READING
SHADE TREE COMMISSION
October 19, 2020**

The Shade Tree Commission met on Monday, October 19, 2020 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm with Chairman Patrick Kaag; Commission members, Chad Moyer, Ronald Schweitzer and Yahaira Castillo; Borough Manager Nicholas Imbesi and Public Works Director Dean Murray in attendance.

Visitors: None

There were no public comments.

Resignation: Ronald Schweitzer resigned from the Shade Tree Commission. Motion to accept Mr. Schweitzer's resignation was moved by Chad Moyer, and seconded by Yahaira Castillo. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Dean Murray spoke about trees on 4th Avenue that will be planted in the spring of 2021. These trees will be Linden Trees and will be a bigger size.
- Mr. Murray gave an update on tree removal. There are currently 5 dying trees on Franklin Street that need to be removed. Mr. Murray is getting pricing on the removal of these trees. All five trees are on the 400 block of Franklin Street. A discussion took place about how residents are notified about the process. These trees will be taken down this year.
- A tree in the 300 block of Reading Avenue, which is a Red Maple Tree is currently in decline. A contractor was out to take a look at the tree. This tree was planted by the sewer trap which was reported to make it weaker. This tree will be removed for a cost of \$1,575. Mr. Murray reported that the dead limbs on Oak Terrace will be trimmed this year as well.
- Pine Street trees will be trimmed this fall.
- Patrick Kaag asked about the trees along the creek and who's responsibility they are. It was noted that they are the responsibility of the Shade Tree Commission and that Mr. Murray would like to plant more Sycamore Trees along the creek. They are great for MS4 purposes and stopping the erosion of the bank. Mr. Murray noted that a rain garden is being planned near the fire house.
- The new Christmas Tree is scheduled to arrive on Wednesday, October 21, 2020. This 25 ft Norway Spruce Tree has been donated by Massimo Grande and Plow Farms.

Spotted Lantern Fly:

No update. Trees are still banded.

Adjournment:

Chad Moyer made a motion to adjourn, there was a second motion by Yahaira Castillo. The meeting adjourned at 6:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Imbesi
Borough Manager