

**BOROUGH OF WEST READING
SHADE TREE COMMISSION
December 7, 2020**

The Shade Tree Commission met on Monday, December 7, 2020 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm with Chairman Patrick Kaag; Commission members, Lynne Burns, Chad Moyer, and Yahaira Castillo; Borough Manager Nicholas Imbesi and Public Works Director Dean Murray in attendance.

Visitors: Council President Jack Gombach

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of the October 19, 2020 minutes. Moved by Chad Moyer, seconded by Lynne Burns. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- The five Ash trees on the 400 block of Franklin Street were removed. Mr. Murray noted next time he will get better photos for the commission to look at the trees.
- The Red Maple tree on the 300 block of Reading Avenue was removed. The tree had a lot of root issues. Mr. Murray noted that moving forward, all trees that are planted will have PA 1 calls placed for all future plantings to ensure they aren't messing with sewer lines and underground utilities.
- Tree trimming update: Mr. Murray noted that the tree trimming companies are all backlogged and that tree trimming on the 500/600/700 blocks of Franklin Street and the 200/300/400 blocks of Reading Avenue didn't take place this year. He noted that he'll need to receive updated quotes for trimming.
- Mr. Murray noted that 12-14 Sycamore trees were planted along the creek to help stop erosion. The trees were given to the borough by the Township of Cumru.
- Mr. Murray thanked the owner of GNA/Nonno Alby's and Plow Farms for planting the new Spruce tree in Delaney's Circle. The tree has been planted and is doing well.

New Business

- Nothing new to report at this time. Borough crew will do trimming on a rolling basis.

Adjournment:

Chad Moyer made a motion to adjourn, there was a second motion by Lynne Burns. The meeting adjourned at 6:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Imbesi
Borough Manager