

West Reading Shade Tree Commission
Monday, July 6, 2026, 6pm

Agenda

Attendance:

Visitor:

Absent:

1. Call to Order:
2. Public Comment:
3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:
4. Old Business
 - a. Tree Watchlist
 - b. Tree Inventory
 - c. Tree Planting
 - d. Tree Trimming
 - e. Oak Terrace Tree Letter Check In
5. New Business:
 - a. Josh's Tree Update (See details and letter below)
6. Adjournment

From Patrick Kaag, former Shade Commission Chair:

Across the Wyomissing Creek on Old Wyomissing Rd, in our park system, there are (8) trees that have been carefully planted in Josh Bell's honor.

He was a West Reading resident and enjoyed much of what our community had to offer with its natural environment, such as birdwatching and walking our trails.

These trees have informational signage and tags to that provide education on the species and characteristics of each tree.

Text from email from Linda Ingram:

Hello Randy, Ryan, Patrick, Cindy,

I am providing an overdue update on the memorial tree planting project, Josh's Trees, along Old Wyomissing Rd. We are very near completion; I appreciate all your cooperation in making this possible. The final action is the installation of the sign delivered to the borough as shown in the photo attached.

There are a few on-going needs that I will continue to monitor and address; watering is a constant until the trees are fully established (the early hot weather caused an premature leaf-out then came the hard frost, trees are now catching up), the black cherry failed and was replaced, the fringe tree unfortunately had half the branches broken off reducing a lovely spring bloom, 3 of the identification tags were taken (see photo attached) and will be replaced.

Also, the turf is aggressive but Kerry and crew were very helpful with weed management on the mulched area.

For my accounting, I am requesting a letter acknowledging a donation of \$1516.58 for 2026 (see statements attached plus \$663.75 to Zoe Roane-Hopkins, graphic designer) This will conclude the accounting for the project.

If there are any questions or additional information is needed, please do not hesitate to be in touch.

*Thank you,
Linda*

*Linda Ingram
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