

**BOROUGH OF WEST READING  
SHADE TREE COMMISSION  
March 13, 2018**

The Shade Tree Commission met on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at Borough Hall. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with Ron Schweitzer, Chad Moyer, Lynne Burns, 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 Mr. Schweitzer to approve the minutes of November 14, 2017.

**Motion carried** (The Commission did not meet in December January or February.)

**Old Business:**

**Oak Terrace Trees** – Mr. Murray asked for the list of residents who would like a tree planted on their property. He will contact them with regard to placing a Heritage Oak in their yard. (Oak Terrace does not have a planting strip which is why the trees must be placed on the resident's property.)

**Reading Hospital** – None of the tree work has been completed as yet.

**4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Trees** – A decision has not yet been made concerning the type of tree to plant.

**Ann Street** – Mr. Murray recommended that Tulip Poplar trees be planted on Ann Street as a trial. He noted that they fit perfectly with that area and are quick growing. Each tree is \$80 and are 1 ½" to 2" caliper. Any larger and they would be difficult to plant.

**Tree Trimming** – Mr. Murray said that they will not move forward with the removal of any more trees on South 4<sup>th</sup> yet because of how upset the residents have been. He did note that one of the oaks that was taken down was infested by ants and would have become dangerous within a short period of time.

**Buttonwood Street** – Martin Tree Service has not yet done the tree work for Buttonwood Street so Mr. Murray will contact them. He noted that the sycamores on the north side need to all come down but that that south side can't be done as yet because there are 12 trees to be removed and there aren't sufficient funds in the budget to accomplish this.

**New Business:**

**Commission Composition** – The Commission again discussed the possibility of adding more members. Mrs. Hoffman will amend the ordinance for review at the next meeting.

**Adjournment:**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Hoffman