

**BOROUGH OF WEST READING**  
**SHADE TREE COMMISSION**  
**January 7, 2019**

The Shade Tree Commission met on Monday, January 7, 2019 at Borough Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.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

**Oak Terrace Trees**

- The newer tree that was planted near the end of Oak Terrace and thought to be dying has not been replaced as yet because it looks like it has some buds. The tree will continue to be assessed for possible replacement. Hopefully as the new trees grow, other residents on Oak will agree to have one planted as well.

**Trees to Be Planted**

- Decisions will be made in the spring regarding locations for new trees as well as the variety of tree to be planted.

**Tree Removal**

- The two Silver Maples on Summit have been removed.
- The tree at 123 Olive was removed – it was infested with ants.
- Pricing still has not been received from Stoltzfus for the removal of the Sycamore trees on the south side of Buttonwood Street. It was noted that the trees planted on the north side are doing well.

**Spotted Lanternfly**

The Commission briefly discussed the plan for 2019. It was noted that earlier banding of trees will be necessary if the lanternflies are to be successfully eliminated.

**Tree Trimming**

- The south side of Playground Drive and S. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue have been identified for trimming along with the Sycamores on Sycamore Road.

**Reading Hospital**

- A dozen locations for replanting have been identified throughout the hospital campus and have been marked by stakes. It was felt that none of this planting should take place until a decision is made about the Zelcovas on S. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. It was also recommended that the Zelcovas not be removed unless there is a safety issue.
- A tree at 7<sup>th</sup> and Parkside Drive North needs to be removed according to Museum staff. There was some question if the tree is located in the Borough's right-of-way, or on Museum property. Mr. Murray and Mr. Moyer will try to determine the ownership of the tree.

### **New Members**

- The date and time for Shade Tree Commission meetings has been established as the first Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. This has been advertised on the Borough's web page in hopes that residents will be interested in becoming involved.

### **Chestnut Street Trees**

- A decision has not yet been made concerning the variety of tree to plant on Chestnut Street. It was noted that serviceberry trees have been planted on Franklin Street therefore Honey Locust may be a good option for Chestnut. It was noted however that there are electric lines on the north side of Chestnut, therefore small trees will need to be planted at this location. Mr. Murray will get some options from local tree farmers.

### **Memorial for Dean Rohrbach**

- The Veterans' Memorial was recently moved from its Borough Hall location to an area in the park near the pool. It was noted that a new single stem Magnolia at that location would make a good memorial tree. A plaque could be displayed at the tree as part of the dedication of the memorial in Dean's memory.

### **Approval of the Minutes:**

- The minutes of the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and approved.

### **Upcoming Meeting Schedule**

- No decisions are expected to be made in the next few weeks therefore the February meeting will not be held. The next meeting will be held on March 4<sup>th</sup> 2019.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Hoffman