

BOARD OF SHADE TREE & PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2025

Present: K. Raschen, W.R. Comery, B. Goggin, M. Ivanicki, F. Ehlers, V. Piccinich, F. Rizzo

Absent: J. Weber, R. Kaiser, A. Hios

W.R. Comery called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and stated that this meeting of the Shade Tree & Parks Commission, as required, has been made public and posted at Borough Hall. Roll call was taken.

Public:

Superintendent's Report:

Motion to approve last month's minutes made by B. Goggin, seconded by F. Ehlers. All in favor.

Tree Preservation Release – 268 McHenry Drive- KR Recommended the release of tree preservation for 268 McHenry Drive – the trees have no issues. motion made by F. Rizzo, seconded by F. Ehlers. All in Favor.

Assistant Superintendent- The borough offered the position to Steve Campbell, KR met with him along with Admin and council members. KR thinks he will be a good fit for the department and looks forward to working with him, and having the support of another supervisor again.

Shade Tree Bid- We were promised that the bid would be out this week. The delay is shortening our window to plant. Hoping we receive the trees by mid-late April and can plant as soon as possible before the temperatures get too high.

Winter Removals- 5 removals are left for our department, and 13 removals need to be done with the assistance of a crane. We have sent these locations to contractors for pricing.

Budget- We were given 3 operating line items from the rec department for field supplies, so we will be back to processing all purchase orders for operating items for field work/repair/maintenance.

F. Ehlers inquired about the creek behind his home – K.R. stated he would look over the tax map with him to discuss the area. This area is not maintained by Shade Tree and Parks.

Authorization to Pay Bills- Motion made by B. Goggin, seconded F. Ehlers. All in favor.

Chairman's Report-

W.R. Comery thanked R. Kaiser for getting him the requested resolution for purchases from the trust account. He explained there are two other large purchases we still need the resolution for. He also thanked the present council members for the assistance with ash tree removals and getting the assistant superintendent position filled.

Council Report – A. Antonio stated he is glad we have an assistant again. J. Weber stated the police department just hired their 100th officer.

New Business-

Old Business-

F. Rizzo inquired whether we have received the checks from 611 Freeland Avenue that Mr. Giblin Sr accepted on the Commission's behalf. KR confirmed we have not received payment from the borough attorney, or the resident. F. Rizzo stated to re-bill the resident for the checks this officer never received.

Land Use-

Dellridge needs to replace dead trees in the buffer zone prior to signing of CO. We are in touch with Pete Ten Kate from Boswell Engineering who also has issues that need addressing.

Frisch Ct – planning board meeting coming up, residents around the project have a lot of concerns.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by F. Rizzo, seconded by B. Goggin. All in favor