

BOARD OF SHADE TREE & PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 2025

Present: K. Raschen, Steven Campbell, W.R. Comery, B. Goggin, M. Ivanicki, F. Ehlers, F. Rizzo, J. Weber, A. Antonio, Vando Cardoso, Residents of 475 Kossuth Street

Absent: A. Hios, R. Kaiser

W.R. Comery called the meeting to order at 7:00 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.

Motion was made by M. Ivanicki to enter closed session, seconded by F. Ehlers. All in favor.

Motion was made to end closed session at 7:40 by F. Rizzo, seconded by F. Ehlers

Public:

475 Kossuth Street – Concerns about vehicles and acorns, and sidewalks. KR explained that he has been to this address and met with the residents multiple times regarding the town trees. We have trimmed for clearance and acorns in the past as much as we could without damaging the tree. We will assign additional trimming to the trees, and a hold harmless will be sent to allow us access for the trimming. In regard to the sidewalks, we are waiting mayor and council approval for the sidewalk program. A. Antonio stated it would be done in June.

Mr. Cardoso stated we should limit public comments to 5 minutes, and advises all commission and the council of the same.

Superintendent's Report:

26 Forsythia Lane – Requesting no replacement tree, stated it is due to internet issues. W.R. Comery stated that area of town has a history of electrical problems. KR stated there is room to replant one tree. It would be a utility friendly tree, as to not affect any wires. Motion made to replant by F. Rizzo, seconded by B. Goggin. All in favor.

164 Village Circle West – Requesting early release of tree preservation because of ash trees removed at this address. They were not required to post tree preservation for the ash trees scheduled for removal. the tree preservation is for 1 cherry tree that still remains at the address. The release will be available for review in 14 months. Motion made by B. Goggin, seconded by M. Ivanicki. All in favor.

Shade Tree Bid- The bid opening was last Thursday, Schichtels was awarded the bid. It is pending mayor and council approval and should be approved on April 22nd. A. Hios inquired about the types of trees ordered. K. Raschen listed London plane, cherry, zelkova, tree lilac. Wire sides of streets receive utility friendly trees. We do our best to diversify when planting to avoid a monoculture.

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

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Spring Tree Planting- The remainder of the tree order was delivered; the remainder will be planted and that will complete our spring planting season.

Location Visits- Field renovations will need to be done in the fall, this will require the closing of fields in order to see the benefits of the renovations.

Topsoil- In making the large amount of topsoil and mulch, approximately \$37,000.00 of tax payer money was saved. We use the mulch and soil we make on borough grounds, parks, and various locations.

Seasonal Meters- All seasonal meters have been installed. Veolia has been contacted about one valve, which has a leak.

Replacement Garage at Sportsplex – Information on a replacement garage was supplied to administration. We need a replacement for equipment storage before construction begins and disrupts access to the area. This is vital for the care taking of the Sportsplex fields.

Chairman's Report- W.R. Comery stated the importance of the replacement garage at the Sportplex and concerns regarding access to the area once construction begins.

Council Report

New Business

Old Business

Land Use

Revised plans are still being submitted for the Frisch Ct project.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by B. Goggin, seconded by M. Ivanicki. All in favor