

Shade Tree Commission Meeting

Thursday August 27, 2020 8:00 am

Negley Park Lower Pavilion

The Shade Tree Commission meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. on August 27, 2020. Present were commission members Alizabeth Dively, Ed Dix and John Leverentz. Also present were Maintenance Superintendent Cliff Karlsen and Councilman Gene Koontz.

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of July 2, 2019 minutes with a motion by Mr. Dix and a second by Mr. Leverentz

Election of Chair:

John Leverentz was nominated as the Committee Chairman by Mr. Dix, second by Ms. Dively. Vote was unanimous to approve Mr. Leverentz as Chair.

New Business:

Negley Park tree removal.

- Park is known for its view of the river and Harrisburg
- Pear and cheap trees are blocking the view
- Council has already completed a walk through
- Trees along lower pathway, along tennis courts, upper pavilion, and playground (14 trees in total) need to be removed to improve view.
- On-site review of subject trees was completed by Commission
- Large trees on eastern bank also need to be removed
 - Property ownership was discussed
 - Professional survey needs to be completed
- When the parks "Master Plan" is completed it must be noted on the plan that replanting of trees in this area must NOT happen.
- Mr. Dix made a motion that Borough Council be informed that the Shade Tree Commission is recommending that the 14 trees impeding the view of the Susquehanna River and Harrisburg be removed. Seconded by Mr. Leverentz, vote was unanimous to approve.

Next Meeting:

October 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:39 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cliff Karlsen, Maintenance Superintendent