

Reading Shade Tree Commission

Minutes for the December 7th, 2015 Meeting

1. Attendance
 1. David Ruyak
 2. Lester Kissinger, Jr.
 3. David Moodhart
 4. Robert Reimer
 5. Jeff Thompson
2. Review of minutes from 11/02/2015 meeting
3. Discussion over establishing the 2016 RSTC meeting dates
 1. January 4th
 2. February 1st
 3. March 14th
 4. April 4th
 5. May 2nd
 6. June 6th
 7. July 11th
 8. August 1st
 9. September 12th
 10. October 3rd
 11. November 7th
 12. December 5th
4. Report of permits for November, 2015
 1. Removals - 26
 2. Pruning - 5
 3. Planting - 0
5. Arborist Report
 1. L. Kissinger attended a conference in Pittsburgh, PA for the Tree Care Industry Association
 2. 31 Hazard Tree letters were sent out in November
 3. 7 more Adopt-a-Tree requests were made for a total of 40 trees delivered for the 2015 Fall Adopt-a-Tree
 4. New bucket truck is being built and should be coming off of the line in early January, 2016
 5. Discussion over Yarnell Park Orchard
6. Request for Variance
 1. 242 N. 11th Street
 1. Tree was removed (HT)
 2. Are requesting that the tree not be replanted
 1. Street lighting has been improved since tree was removed
 2. Have voice concern that since the tree was removed loitering has stopped in there office
 3. There is a street light within 8 foot of tree pit

4. Request has been approved, property owner shall remove stump and seal the tree pit
7. Shade Tree Contract
 1. Being awarded to Nolde Pines
 1. Waiting on Purchasing Office to issue notice to proceed based on Council's recommendation
8. Review of Zoning Plans
 1. None
9. Schuylkill River Trail Project
 1. Working with Penn State Berks on a project to clean up the bike trail
 2. D. Ruyak & L. Kissinger, Jr. will perform a walk through of the proposed project area to determine scope of work
10. Emerald Ash Borer UPDATE
 1. Looking at funding grants for the pruning and pesticide treatments
 1. Grant has been applied for to help fund the chemicals & supplies
 2. Waiting to apply for pruning work grant once it becomes available
11. Environmental Advisory Council
 1. L. Kissinger spoke at their November meeting to update them on the Emerald Ash Borer plans
12. Meeting adjourned