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1. Report of Permits for February, 2015
 1. Removals - 7
 2. Pruning - 1
 3. Planting - 0
2. Attendance
 1. D. Ruyak
 2. L. Kissinger, Jr.
 3. D. Moodhart
 4. J. Slifko
 5. J. Thompson
 6. J. Denick
 7. Andrew Moleteni
3. Arborist Report
 1. 5 Hazard Tree letters sent out in February
 2. Courses
 1. Attended Turf / Ornamental Conference in Kutztown
 2. Attend the Penn Del ISA Shade Tree Symposium
 3. Requests for variance
 1. 217 Franklin St.
 1. No underground utility conflicts
 2. No reasons to NOT plant
 3. Wishes to cement pit in
 4. J. Slifko mentioned that volunteers could help in the planting of the tree
 5. Request denied
 2. 731 McKnight St.
 1. Tree has been removed, stump remains
 2. No contact with Property Owner, only Manager & tenant
 3. Manager is requesting that a variance be allowed until foreclosure is complete
 4. Recommendation to have the address added to the City's stump list
 5. Request denied
4. Adopt-a-Tree 2015
5. Emerald Ash Borer Plan UPDATE
 1. Inventory shows that Reading has 502 ash trees planted along City streets
 1. 7.3% of street tree population
 2. Count does not include ash trees located on City owned parks / parcels
 2. PA DCNR recommends the removal of 439 ash trees
 1. Under 5 inch DBH
 2. Over 26 inch DBH
 3. Listed as 'Good' or 'Excellent' in inventory
 3. PA DCNR would only pay to chemically treat 69 ash trees
 1. Treatments necessary every two years

2. 35 trees in year 1 - \$6,000
3. 34 trees in year 2 - \$6,000
4. Treatment method
 1. Arbor Jet 'Tree-Age'
 2. Injected into base of tree
 3. Either through contractors or Public Works / Arborist staff
 4. Funding available through DCNR grants
5. Developing new plan that would not require so many removals
6. Intern(s)
 1. Hire a college intern to assist in writing the plan (Plan due by May 2015)
 2. Hire a college intern to aid in public education and awareness
7. Massive need for public education

- New bucket truck purchase

1. Need a newer truck
2. Higher reach truck

- 2015 Arbor Day Celebration

1. L. Kissinger to put together a very fantastic event
2. Will look into empty tree pits / planting locations at 3rd & Spring Playground

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