

**STRASBURG BOROUGH  
SHADE TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
January 17, 2019 – 7:30 p.m.**

Members present: Chairman Brad Botchlet, Mary Dresser, Gil Pratt

Others present: Gail Anderson, Secretary

- 1. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:42 p.m.
- 2. Citizens' Comments** – None.
- 3. Minutes of November 12, 2018** – On motion by Mary Dresser, second by Gil Pratt, the minutes of the November 12, 2018 meeting were approved as presented.
- 4. Finance Report** – Reviewed and approved by consensus. We are back to our regular start-of-year budgeted amounts from Council.
- 5. Fall Tree Planting** – Fall tree planting on Saturday, November 17, 2018 was a good day; the six workers were finished before noon. Homeowner Beth Gunnion would like to make a specific donation to the Tree Committee; ideas for her directed donation would be advertising, a television spot filmed at Beth's house, ads on the Next Door Strasburg web site.
- 6. Center Square** – Next year we should plan on leaving the baskets up into winter, with some seasonal greenery. Next spring the boxwood may need deep pruning to allow more space in the beds, or else reconsider the annual border. In future, if there are Center Square funds left at the end of the year, perhaps they could be allocated to purchase the community Christmas tree for the Woman's Club.
- 7. Other Business** – Regarding replacement of the trees at the Square, the committee should consider developing a proposal stating the reason for replacement, suggested replacement species, and a budget, for presentation to Borough Council.
- 8. New Business** – None.
- 9. Citizen Comments** – None.
- 10. Adjournment** – On motion by Mary Dresser, second by Gil Pratt, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gail E. Anderson, Secretary*