

**STRASBURG BOROUGH
SHADE TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 16, 2019 – 7:30 p.m.**

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

Others present: Gail Anderson, Secretary

- 1. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m.
- 2. Citizens' Comments** – None.
- 3. Minutes of April 18, 2019** – On motion by Gil Pratt, second by Curt Reynolds, the minutes of the April 18, 2019 meeting were approved as presented.
- 4. Finance Report** – No change from previous month, full annual funding available.
- 5. Spring Tree Planting** – Spring tree planting date is this Saturday, May 18. Committee members will meet at 8:30 a.m. There is only one tree to be planted, a red maple at 105 Tinsmith Lane. While on site, they will also evaluate the dead tree at the Vail residence, 104 Tinsmith, to see if it's one that we planted and can replace, or if it was planted by Keystone. If it's a Keystone tree and Vails have already gotten two Borough trees, it will be their responsibility to replace.
- 6. Center Square** – Mary will get additional perennials, such as purpleleaf heuchera, dianthus, or coreopsis, in addition to the annuals, for this Saturday's planting day.
- 7. Other Business** – The summer watering schedule was distributed. For this year's newsletter article, let's not emphasize "free" so heavily, and expand on what we do at the Square.
- 8. New Business** – Curt Reynolds presented information on PPL's seedling program. It does not appear that the Tree Committee would be allowed to distribute the free seedlings to private citizens, so we will not pursue this opportunity any further. It might be of interest to Borough Public Works for the watershed, or to the Parks Foundation. The information will be passed along to them.
- 9. Citizen Comments** – None.
- 10. Adjournment** – On motion by Mary Dresser, second by Gil Pratt, meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail E. Anderson, Secretary