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STRASBURG BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMITTEE
Thursday, July 16, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Members Present:	Brad Botchlet, Chairman	Gil Pratt, Vice Chairman
	Dale Kaufman	Mary Dresser
	Curt Reynolds	
Others Present:	Kim Rubincam, Secretary	

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Citizens' Comments: None

Minutes of May 21, 2026: A motion was made by Curt Reynolds, seconded by Gil Pratt, and passed unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of May 21, 2026 as printed.

Reports:

Finance Report - The 2026 Finance Report was reviewed.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:
Fall Tree Planting Discussion – This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

Center Square Planting Recommendations – The committee discussed recommendations for the new planting pockets in Center Square. There was a variety of opinions with no consensus. Dale Kaufman suggested locust trees because they can be trimmed nice and are low maintenance. Mary Dresser suggested Yoshino cherry trees since they have nice spring and fall color. Brad Botchlet suggested shrubs/dwarf trees to better fit the space and allow for the businesses to be seen.

Other Business:
Committee Members – Dale Kaufman stated he would like to see more committee members. There used to be seven or eight members, and are currently only five.

Citizen Comments: None

Adjournment: A motion was made by Dale Kaufman, seconded by Curt Reynolds, and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Rubincam, Secretary