

BOROUGH OF BRIDGEVILLE
SHADE TREE COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2026 – 7:00PM

The meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Borough Building, 425 Bower Hill Road and virtually on www.zoom.us. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

Present included: Courtney Tolmer, Virginia Schneider, Kayla Lawrence, Alison Thomas, Jen Brilmyer and Borough Manager Joseph Kauer.

Absent: None.

Public comment (on / off agenda) VISITORS PLEASE STATE NAME AND ADDRESS:

None.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Motion to adopt the September 22, 2025, meeting minutes were made by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Schneider; motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review of Fall Tree Planting on Baldwin Street and McLaughlin Run Park

Mrs. Schneider reported that the planting went great, there was a nice turnout of volunteers, and we made contact at the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy that can help us with future flower plantings.

Mrs. Brilmyer suggested that we create a special certificate that could be presented to children who help plant trees at future events and suggested that a google survey be created to review the events with participants.

2. Tree Tender Training, Saturday, February 28, 9A to 3PM at the Borough Building

Manager Kauer reported that 23 people have registered so far for the event. The Commissioners discussed the importance of getting the Public Works Employees accepting and being an active participant with the Shade Tree Commission.

3. Spring TreeVitalize Application

Mrs. Brilmyer asked when awards will be announced? Manager Kauer stated that he'll contact TreeVitalize to see when.

Manager Kauer asked the Commission to discuss creating a rolling list of potential future planting sites so that we can work from this list for future TreeVitalize applications.

Mrs. Tolmer discussed planting trees along Washington Avenue in the business district. The Commission agreed to get fully established before we make this recommendation. The Commission discussed that underground street lighting conduit may need relocation to allow for plantings along Washington Ave.

Mrs. Brilmyer asked if the Commission could have a booth at Day on the Avenue this year to solicit input from the community and to hand out information. Manager Kauer stated that he'll arrange getting a booth.

Manager Kauer asked the Commission about the annual Borough Guidebook. Mrs. Tolmer volunteered to write an article on behalf of the Commission.

4. General discussion:

Mrs. Tolmer suggested the Commission create a logo for itself and brand our identity. She offered the services of her son who is a graphic design student.

Manager Kauer suggested that we create a plaque for one of our 2026 tree plantings commemorating the tree(s) to the 125th Bridgeville and 250th Anniversary of the United States, both celebrated this year. Mrs. Tolmer stated that there may be a possibility of getting additional trees this year through a partnership with the NFL draft that will be held in Pittsburgh this year.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (GENERAL ITEMS) VISITORS PLEASE STATE NAME AND ADDRESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Tolmer, seconded by Mrs. Thomas; meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager