BOROUGH OF BRIDGEVILLE

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

August 3, 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: Jen Brilmyer, Alison Thomas, Kayla Lawrence,

Absent: Courtney Tolmer, Virginia Schneider and Borough Manager Joseph Kauer.

Public comment (on / off agenda) VISITORS PLEASE STATE NAME AND ADDRESS:
None.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:
Motion to adopt the May 4, 2026, meeting minutes were made by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Lawrence; motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tree Tender Course #2 (Tree Identification and Pests & Diseases) – Wednesday, August 19, 6PM at Chartiers Park Shelter 1. Public welcome to participate.
   The Commission will question the Manager on the number of people that can participate and will send invitations to other Shade Tree Commissions. Mrs. Brilmyer will send information to people who provided their contact information at Day on the Avenue. The Manager will contact everyone who was in the first Tree Tender Class.

2. Tree Pittsburgh Municipal Tree Adoption Event, Free Trees to Residents, at Borough Building in side parking lots, Saturday, September 26th, set up 9AM, event 11A to 1P, done by 2:30PM. STC to have informational tent and help with event. 300 small trees to be distributed.
   The Commission discussed the need to promote the event and questioned who would be available to help run an information tent during the Adoption Event. They will use the information from the Day on Avenue. Ms. Lawrence suggested that the Commission members have name tags for community events.

3. Fall Tree Planting (date to be set by Tree Vitalize, in either October or November). Planting 24 Trees (2 on Bower Hill corner, 19 along Commercial Street, 2 replaced at Cook School Park and 1 “Legacy Tree” for Triangle Park. Volunteers needed.

4. Legacy Tree for Triangle Park (Bridgeville 125 / America 250 Tree) – Selection of tree type (suggested by Tree Vitalize: Dawn Redwood, 'Triumph' Elm, Swamp White Oak, Yellowwood, 'Royal Raindrops' or 'Sugar Tyme' crabapple (small overwintering red berry, not big crabapples)

   The Commission selected the Swamp White Oak for the Legacy Tree to be planted within Triangle Park. As for the Plaque for Legacy Tree, the Commission recommends:
   Swamp White Oak
   Planted in Celebration of America's 250th and Bridgeville's 125th Anniversary
   Bridgeville Shade Tree Commission

OLD BUSINESS:

5. Review of Day on the Avenue Booth, Saturday, June 20th
   Mrs. Brilmyer thanked Ms. Lawrence for making the booth look great. She said lots of great feedback was received.

6. Review of Summer Tree Care
   Mrs. Brilmyer stated that we need to get more tree water bags to water all the new trees regularly. The Commission discussed that the Borough purchase a water buffalo and help water the trees each week for the first 2 years the trees are alive. The Commission discussed establishing a procedure that the new trees be watered weekly May through September, once per week via a water buffalo. The Commission will finalize this at its next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT (GENERAL ITEMS) VISITORS PLEASE STATE NAME AND ADDRESS:
None.

ADJOURNMENT:
Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Lawrence; meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager