

**Meeting Minutes for West Pittston Shade Tree Commission Meeting
April 8th, 2025**

In Attendance:

Marta Jones, Treasurer
Lynn Burbank, Secretary
Matthew Carroll, Commission Member
Brian Burbank, Resident
Solicitor Keighlyn Oliver

Absent:

Lou Berti, President

A quorum is in attendance and the meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

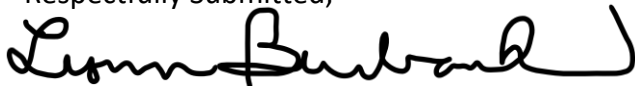
Action Items

1. Marta Jones made a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting held in March 2025, as emailed by Lynn Burbank. Matthew Carroll seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Lynn Burbank made a motion to pay invoice #00012 in the amount of \$122.50 for legal services from January to March 2025. Marta Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Marta Jones made a motion to ensure the trees in Bainbridge-Campbell Park are properly pruned if deemed necessary to do so. Those trees were deemed to be specimen trees that have a high value that require expert pruning. The Shade Tree Commission has a budget for pruning and are willing to pay for proper pruning and care. Lynn Burbank seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. Lynn Burbank made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm.

Other Items

1. Mary Pat Appel was consulted about questionable trees. She will write a report about the condition of the trees she examined which require removal. She is a certified municipal arborist. We will report her findings to property owners and the council.
2. Solicitor Oliver will research the legality of a tree that no longer has any limbs and is decorated with a bird house remaining on the tree lawn. Mary Pat Appel said it is not in danger of falling but we are not clear if having this is a violation of the borough code. We will report back to the council when it is discussed at next month's meeting.
3. The financial report states there is a current balance of \$11,345.74 as reported by Treasurer Marta Jones.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lynn Burbank, Commission Member