



Department of Planning, Housing, & Community Development

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SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

November 6th Regular Meeting
City of Binghamton Shade Tree Commission
Planning Conference Room, City Hall

(1) Call to order & roll call

Present: P. Palmer, R. Andrus (chair), J. Shepherd (vice-chair), Carolyn Wilczynski

(2) Schedule next meeting: December 4, 2018 @445PM

(3) Appointments/ pending legislation

- a. Staff updated the commission on pending legislation, which they requested, and which would lower the commission to 5 voting members from 7.

(4) Management plan review

- a. Overall the plan is very well-written and detailed. Although a lot of work and investment is required, the city is doing quite well.
- b. There are some issues with the recommended tree species list. The list appears to have all trees recommend for a few climate zones, which included several species known to do poorly in the area.
- c. The commission discussed invasive species. With so many invasive it is hard to know what can be safely planted anymore.

(5) 2015-2020 Goals review

- a. No need to rewrite the goals at this time, however in 2019 it may be necessary to do so.

(6) Parks update:

- a. Paul updated the commission on Parks selected species and planting locations for the year.

(7) Other business

- a. *None.*