

AGENDA
PARK AND SHADE TREE COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 – 1:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order ****the public meeting is being recorded****
2. Public Comment- All public comments shall be related to the subject matter jurisdiction of the Borough Council, Committee, or Board conducting the public meeting, and shall be limited to matters of public concern, official action, or deliberations that are, or may come, before the Borough Council, Committee, or Board.
3. Summer/Fall Plans
 - a. Discuss what projects are scheduled for Fall, and what projects have been completed this Summer
 - b. Discuss any tree diseases and insect concerns
 - c. Discuss the possible donation and planting of wildflowers in the Logan Avenue swale by Commission member Nate Tietbohl
4. 2026 Budget Requests
 - a. Discuss the 2026 budget requests for Borough parks, parklands, Tree Department, and the Park and Shade Tree Commission subcommittees
5. Subcommittee Reports
 - a. Bird Nest Box
 - Discuss data obtained from bird nest box management within the Parklands
 - b. Educational
 - c. Outreach
 - Volunteer day was held to remove low hanging limbs in the Enchanted Forest
6. Partnership with PSU Berks
 - a. Update to be provided for on-going conversations with PSU Berks involvement
7. Implementation of the Parklands Forest Stewardship Study
 - a. \$20,000 was included in the 2025 budget for removal of invasives and to install temporary signs to educate the public on improvements being made.
 - b. The grant application submitted through the West Reading-Wyomissing Rotary Club, requesting funding of up to \$10,000 was approved. The Rotary volunteer day has been scheduled for October 11th from 10am-12pm, for planting of 45 trees. A tentative date of April 11th has been scheduled for a second Rotary planting day. The Rotary has also expressed interest in holding a volunteer day in December to remove invasives.

- c. The Berks County Planning Commission is providing funding of \$10,000 for the removal of invasives, installation of riparian buffer areas and educational signage.
- d. The application submitted through the Schuylkill Highlands Mini-Grant program requesting \$8,000 in funding for parklands signage has been approved
- e. Trail Names – At the March meeting, the Commission decided on using the names of native plants as trail names.
- f. Bimbo Bakery has indicated they want to donate \$6,000 towards upkeep of the parklands. The donation can be used as matching funds towards several grants being used towards implementation of the parklands study.

8. Next Meeting – November 19, 2025 – 1:00 PM