



BETHEL PARK SHADE TREE COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by Brian Tarbert at 6:30 pm on **January 14, 2026**. A quorum was present.

A. Roll Call

Commission Members Present: Brian Tarbert (Chair), Brian Joos, Lindsey Boyko, Gregg Ament, Machel DeCarlo, Nancy Morrison

Municipal Staff Present: Ammie Faunce, David Rudolph

Council Liaison Present: Jim Jenkins

Guest: Ramona Stanley

B. **Approval of Minutes** – November 12, 2025 -Motion: Gregg Ament, Seconded; passed.

C. Old Business

- (a). Bethel Park Grants – Lindsey Stoyko, Brian Joos, and Greg Ament, the appointed subcommittee to seek tree grants, provided an informal update and indicated that a report would be available in March.

D. New Business

- a. Reorganization – Chairperson, Secretary
Nominees: Brian Tarbert: Chairperson; Secretary: Brian Joos – Motion: Ament, seconded; passed.
- b. Opening for Shade Tree Commission Member
Council will entertain candidates for an opening likely in February.
- c. Earth Day- April 22, and Arbor Day April 24, 2026. Discussion centered around tasks for Arbor Day if we have few or no trees to plant. The Commission will consider nominal planting with the BPHS Environmental Club at Molly Hill Park.
- d. Tree Pittsburgh and South Hills Interfaith Movement (SHIM) will hold a "Tree ID Workshop" on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at SHIM's location in Bethel Park, teaching participants to identify trees using leaves, bark, and seeds. (SHIM, 2601 South Park Road, Bethel Park, PA 15102 (enter from the parking lot)).
- e. Municipality of Bethel Park Proposed 2026 General Fund Budget Community Services General Expense includes a line entry for Shade Tree Commission at \$10,000.
- f. Commission would like to sponsor a Tree Tender /Pruning course through Tree Pittsburgh; details to follow from Tarbert.
- g. Nancy volunteered to help coordinate the Community Day event and participants.

E. Future Meeting Dates

- a. 2026 Meeting Dates
 - i. March 11, 2026
 - ii. April 15, 2026
 - iii. August 12, 2026
 - iv. November 18, 2026

F. Adjournment: Motion: Joos, Seconded; Passed

NEXT MEETING: March 11, 2026