

## Summary of the Minutes

July 21, 2014 Meeting

City of Binghamton Shade Tree Commission

PHCD Conference Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, City Hall

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**Commissioners Present:** Dick Andrus (Chair), Julian Shepherd, Joshua DeMarree, Beverly Rainforth, Carolyn Wilczynski

**Commissioners Absent:** Julian Shepherd (excused), Lou Sebesta

**Staff Liaison:** Leigh McCullen

**Guests:** Paul Palmer (Parks Dept)

**Selection of scribe:** Beverly Rainforth

**Approval of minutes of previous meeting.** Approved

**Next meeting date and time:** August 18, 2014 7:00 PM

### 1. City Site Plans

STC asks applicants to refer to the list of recommended large and small trees on the Shade Tree Commission page of the City website (see [Trees Mean Business](#))

- a. 198 Robinson - on Robinson a small tree from list; otherwise any large tree on list
- b. 1 Hawley - ginkgo rather than honey locust; amend substrate with structural soil
- c. 120 Hawley - under power lines, must use small trees (e.g., Wireless Zelcova); otherwise use large trees, but not maples of any kind (e.g., elm, oak, tulip poplar; also see list of recommended trees)

### 2. Green Stormwater Management and Landscaping Fund (GSMLF)

#### a. Status of previous applications:

**GSLMF-001 36 Seminary Ave** Received 6/13/2014; reviewed at STC meeting on 06/16/14. Incomplete application letter sent on 6/17/14; letter returned to sender, no response from email

**GSLMF-002 55 Johnson Ave** Received 6/16/2014; reviewed at STC meeting on 06/16/14. Incomplete application letter sent on 6/17/14; supplemental information received from applicants on 6/18. Funded - \$5,000  
Project is completed and looks great!

#### b. New Applications to review:

**GSLMF-003 160 Mary Street** Further detail has been requested on type of pavers and substrate, to be sure permeability is good. Locations of dry stream bed and pavers also need to be shown (on plan or image from google earth).

**3. Shade Tree Commission rules to conduct business**

Proposed Amendment: Any member with three unexcused absences in his or her term will be recommended for dismissal.

Passed (4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).

Meeting concluded at 8:05 PM.