

WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION

MINUTES

JANUARY 10, 2022

The Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission was called to order by Howard Rutledge on January 10, 2022 in the council room of the Wellsboro Municipal Building at 8:30am. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

ROLL CALL: Members of the Shade Tree Commission present were: Howard Rutledge, Vicki Fox and Brian Kennedy. Peter Herres was present by phone. Also present were Borough Manager Scot Boyce Jr. and water and sewer clerk Teresa Marshall.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 13, 2021: A motion was made by Brian Kennedy after corrections in the Vineyard Planting Plan section of 1/2 of trees to interior to some trees in the interior and that the committee gave the option to use Freeman maple trees instead of recommending them. Vicki Fox 2nd.

WECO LETTERS: WECO did bring an arborist in to do the cuts on Central Ave in the presence of Brian Kennedy and Peter Herres. They did have the arborist up in the tree to make some of the cuts and some were done by bucket. Brian had checked out arborist. So the message was received by our letter.

SPRING PLANTING: We have asked for 10 trees through the tree vitalize program to be planted throughout the borough. Once this is approved, they will send us a list of what is available to chose from. It was decided to wait until fall to replace the trees on Pearl Street infected with the black knot disease. The committee will ask for a one day job quote to cut these trees down.

TREE CITY USA: Peter Herres completed the application in December before he retired.

RITE AID TREES: Corporate office hired tree cutters to trim trees at their property on East Ave. Two trees ended up topped and was done without a permit and not done to standards. After discussion with members of the commission the tree cutters did seek the advice from an arborist. A letter is being written to their corporate office. The two trees that were topped now need to be removed and that they need a permit for any work done.

PEARL STREET TREES: A request is being sent to Dincher and Dincher and Mike White to give us a one day rate for the removed on the trees that were infected by the black knot disease or 1/2 day permit if it could be done. Someone cut the branches on a tree at 46 Pearl Street that was done improperly leaving only two branches.

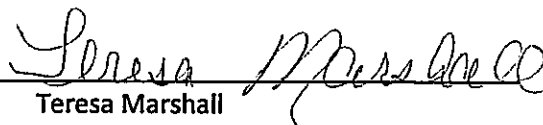
TREE VITALIZE: Application in for ten trees. The committee will come up with ten locations before we get to much snow on the ground.

Borough manager Scot Boyce Jr. has land development plans from the courthouse that were submitted to him for the parking lot behind Walrath and Coolidge by Larson Design. A planting plan needs to be done with the proper amount 50% shade rule. Brian Kennedy to draft a letter to them.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURN: Brian Kennedy made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 am.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by:


Teresa Marshall