

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

MINUTES

JANUARY 11, 2016

The meeting the Wellsboro Shade Commission was called to order at 8:30 am in the Council Room of the Borough Building on January 11, 2016.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

ROLL CALL: Members of the Shade Tree Commission that were present were Howard Rutledge, Peter Herres, Scott Nichols and Robert McCarthy. Also present were Borough Manager Daniel K Strausser and Water & Sewer Clerk Teresa Marshall.

MINUTES: A motion was made to approve the minutes from December 14, 2015 by Scott Nichols and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob McCarthy. Motion passed.

COMMENT PERIOD: Borough Manager Daniel K Strausser reported that future agendas will be changed to include Public Comment in place of Comment Period and Other Business.

DINCHER & DINCHER PRUNING: The Dincher & Dincher bill in the amount of \$6,965.00 for pruning, crown cleaning and raising crowns was ratified for payment by Scott Nichols and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob McCarthy. Motion passed.

Howard Rutledge would like to have the tree by Rite Aid Parking lot looked at for removal to gain sight clearance up Grant Street.

HAZARD TREE REMOVAL: Scott Nichols made a motion to submit a list of hazardous trees that need to come down to other tree removal personnel for prices. Bob McCarthy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed. The Commission will follow policy with the land owners as written.

TREE PLANTING: Peter Herres reported that there will be 15 -17 trees planted at the Charleston Baseball fields. There will be three trees planted at Packer Park and the rest we be planted around town. The total amount 20-25 trees. A request that maples be planted at the ballfields was reported by the Borough Manager, Daniel K Strausser.

TREE VITALIZE: We will submit a grant for pruning in the next round of grants. Can be used for pruning or inventory with a 50/50 contribution.

PERMITS: None

TREE CITY USA: We were approved for Tree City USA. Confirmation came from Steve Hoover.

OTHER BUSINESS: Scott Nichols reported that there is a new bug called Oak Wilt that was found in the Canyon area. It is transmitted by beetles and can go from oak tree to oak tree through the root systems. The tree will bud and the leaves will turn green then fall off.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 am. The motion was made by Peter Herres and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Nichols.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by:

  
Teresa Marshall