

WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION

MINUTES

JANUARY 14, 2019

The meeting of the Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission was called to order on January 14, 2019 by Chairman Howard Rutledge in the Council Room of the Wellsboro Municipal Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

ROLL CALL: Members of the Shade Tree Commission present were Howard Rutledge, Peter Herres, Vicki Fox and Scott Nichols. Also present were Borough Manager Scot Boyce Jr. and Water & Sewer Clerk Teresa Marshall. Visitors: Pastor Michael White.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES: Peter Herres made the motion to accept the minutes from December 10, 2018 as written. Scott Nichols 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed.

EAST AVENUE/ MAIN STREET TREE REMOVAL: Pete will be entering into talks with Dincher & Dincher to get a full day pricing to remove the trees on East Ave and Main Street. This will depend on the budget available. Scott Nichols made a motion to focus on East Avenue first and to do Main Street if time left for full day pricing. Vicki Fox 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed

SPRING PLANTING: Peter Herres received an availability list for trees. They will make East Ave the focal point to replace the ash trees that will be taken down.

PERMITS: WECO applied for a permit to remove locust scrub brush from Nichols Street in front of the Middle School and Queen Street.

A new form for Shade Tree Commission Application for Work was presented. This permit also has the hazard Tree Removal Incentive and what must be done to qualify. It also requires that they conform to ANSI A300-1995 Pruning Standards and Also Safety Requirements for pruning, trimming, repairing and maintenance. We should have both copies available. Borough Manager Scot Boyce Jr. stated that they would have to update the ordinance also. A motion was made to approved new form was made by Vicki Fox and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Nichols. Peter will look into getting copies of the new standards.

MEETING WITH WECO: Peter would like to meet with Barney Farnsworth from the Wellsboro Electric Co to go over their proposed projects for pruning in the Borough for the next few years.

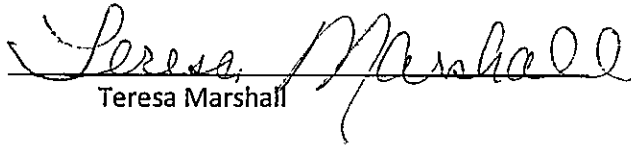
TREE VITALIZE CHECK RECEIVED: The check has been received and the project has been closed out.

TREE VITALIZE APPLICATION: The decision on making out an application for doing an inventory has been tabled until next month's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Pastor White thanked the Commission on what they have done. The new permits will be helpful on the safety requirements.

ADJOURN: Vicki Fox made to motion to adjourn the meeting and Peter Herres 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by:

  
Teresa Marshall