

WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION

JANUARY 21, 2013

MINUTES

Chairman Howard Rutledge, called the meeting of the Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission to order on January 21, 2013 in the Council Room of the John E Dugan Fire Station/Municipal Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

ROLL CALL: Those present from the Commission were Howard Rutledge, Peter Herres, Vicki Fox and Scott Nichols. Robert McCarthy Jr. was absent. Also present was the Borough Manager Daniel K Strausser.

MINUTES: The minutes from December 17, 2012 were approved as written. Peter Herres made the motion to approve and Scott Nichols 2nd. Passed.

COMMENT PERIOD: There were no comments made.

BARE ROOT PLANTING: Pete Herres and Howard Rutledge have visited 15 sites on Jackson Street where trees can be planted. Pete also suggested planting five London Planes in the Penn Wells Lodge project – if not there then they would find another spot to plant five trees. The sites have not been staked yet but they will be done in the spring. They have not made any species selections yet just size choices.

Dan Strausser also brought up that Greenwood Gardens has an approved agreement for shade trees. Pete also mention the new eye place on Kelsey Street was supposed to have a planting plan.

Chris Heichel on upper Jackson Street would like to have his trees taken down and new ones put in. Peter reminded him that he would have to have someone who is certified to work around utility lines to take the old trees down.

PERMITS: There were none to report.

PENN WELLS PLANTING PLAN FOLLOW UP: Borough Manager Daniel Strausser reported that Pete has signed the plans and that they should be starting in the spring as soon as the weather breaks. He and Pete plan to meet with them in the spring. They will be removing trees and replacing them with four London Planes. Since this has been approved as part of their plan, we should plant the other five trees elsewhere.

Wellsboro Plaza had presented a plan to the Commission that had sent back to them with different recommendations. There has been no response since from them. They had to make enough parking spaces to accommodate Guthrie Clinic.

WEBINAR: Steve Hoover had sent an email with several different webinars for the next few months. An interest was expressed in the Community Gravel Bed – Bare Root on April 17, 2013 from 5-6 pm. You could purchase bare root trees and store them until you were ready to plant.

OTHER BUSINESS: It was brought up about clearing out the right side of Morris Lane and if there was any progress on it. They did get a couple of estimates for the job.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm. The motion was made by Scott Nichols and 2nd by Vicki Fox.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by *Teresa Marshall*
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