

WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION

January 9, 2023

MINUTES

The meeting of the Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission was called to order by Brian Kennedy in the Council room of the Wellsboro Municipal Building at 8:30 am on the 9th of January 2023. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

ROLL CALL: Members of the Shade Tree Commission present were Vicki Fox, Brian Kennedy and Tim Morey. Visitors were Tyler Upham from Tioga Conservation and Marshall Hamilton from DCNR. Also present was Teresa Marshall, water & sewer clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENT : Brian introduced Tyler Upham and Marshall Hamilton.

MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 12, 2023: Tim Morey stated that he wasn't an official member of the Shade Tree until the December meeting. The minutes were then approved with Tim Morey making a motion and Vicki 2nd. Passed.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF SHADE TREE ORDINANCE: Tabled until next meeting.

TREE CITY USA APPLICATION: Brian Kennedy stated that the application has been submitted and that Marshall Hamilton has approved it. Vicki Fox talked of having the tree city sign put back up. We are now in the 27th year of Tree City USA.

PA TREE MAP: Setting up to put trees in and locations.

SPRING TREE PLANTING: Will be replacing the 13 -14 trees on Pearl Street that have the black knot disease. We usually don't try and do more than 15 trees. The two trees that were cut down on Main Street will be replaced with Triumph Elms.

MAIN STREET PRUNING & REMOVALS: Bernie Dincher will be trimming trees on Main Street and removing two trees plus doing training cuts on the young trees at \$4500/day. Brian Kennedy made the motion to pay Dincher & Dincher \$4,500.00 and Vicki Fox 2nd. Passed. Mike White will be cutting the trees at Woodland Park that need to come down using last year's budget amount. Brian Kennedy made the motion to hire Mike White to do the cutting at Woodland Park and Tim Morey 2nd. It was also decided that the tree pits not be enlarged. Mike White also needs to look at Bryden Street tree that needs to be removed. The owner claims he is not responsible for tree and is now in solicitor's hands.

DOLLAR GENERAL PLANTING: We need to revisit the planting plan for the General Dollar Store that was put on hold due to other issues.

TREE INVENTORY: This has been tabled. Using GIS to catalogue trees and their locations. There was a program in Troy that used a youth crew for seven weeks doing the summer.

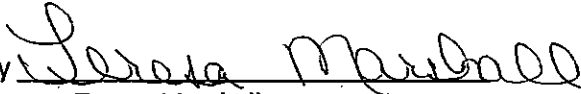
PERMITS: No permits issued.

MEMBERSHIP: Tyler Upham has agreed to be on the Shade Tree Commission and will e-mail a letter to Borough for approval by council.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Vicki Fox commented that Howard Rutledge left the commission in good shape. Will get the planting plan to Marshall Hamilton for approval.

ADJOURN: Vicki Fox made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Tim Morey 2nd. Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 am.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by


Teresa Marshall