



WELLSBORO SHADE TREE MINUTES

OCTOBER 9, 2023


The meeting of the Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission was called to order by Brian Kennedy 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 Vicki Fox, Brian Kennedy, Tim Morey and Tyler Upham. Also present were Borough Manager Louis Rachiele and water & sewer clerk Teresa Marshall.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 11, 2023: Tyler Upham made the motion to approve the minutes as written and Tim Morey 2nd. Passed.

FALL TREE PLANTING: We are still waiting on confirmation on the trees we ordered for availability and when they will be delivered. They have ordered 18 trees.



TREE INVENTORY: Discussion took place among the members on how the inventory should be done and what should be included. Tim Morey suggested the possibility of using a summer youth group through DCNR that would be paid for a week. Vicki Fox brought up that they had used volunteers on a previous inventory. This could be done with one member being an expert on each team. Also brought up by Tyler Upham that there was a program I tree that we could look into. The use of a student for the summer from the high school could also be a possibility. Troy had done a similar study and will look into what they did. This was tabled for now.

SHADE TREE ORDINANCE REVIEW: There was discussion on the street clearance of nine feet and stump removal to a depth of four feet. It was discussed that we need to know what direction we are going in the future then amend. Other ideas would be to have crew trained to prune and offering a community workshop. We need to get inventory done first.

TREE REMOVAL: St. Peter's Church has a permit to remove the beech trees in the front. Will not be eligible for hazardous tree reimbursement. There was an approval to have a Norway maple removed from Austin Street. A discussion was brought up about the tree versus sidewalk on King Street and scalloping the sidewalk around the tree. May have to look at sidewalk ordinance to the width of the scallop for sidewalks going around trees. Vicki Fox made the motion to recommend to change the size of scalloping around trees in the sidewalk ordinance and Tyler Upham 2nd.

TREE TENDERS WORKSHOP: Brian Kennedy will be signing up for the workshop January 17 – Feb 28, 2023 12-1 pm. Tyler Upham will send out the workshop information to the commission.



ADJOURN: Tim Morey made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Tyler Upham 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 am.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by

Teresa Marshall
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