

WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION

NOVEMBER 12, 2013

MINUTES

The meeting of the Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission was called to order, by Howard Rutledge in the Council Room at 8:30 am on November 12, 2013. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

ATTENDANCE: The members of the Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission present: Howard Rutledge, Peter Herres, Vicki Fox and Scott Nichols. Also present were Borough Manager Daniel Strausser and Teresa Marshall.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Peter Herres to accept the minutes of October 14, 2013 with the following changes: in the Fall Tree Planting there were only 20 trees instead of 23 and the problem with the crap apple trees in Other Business is Apple Scab Disease. Scott Nichols 2nd the motion. The minutes will be put into record.

MAIN STREET TREE PLANTING: There were two trees planted in front of Timeless Destination and Country Ski and Sports. An old pipe containing dead electrical lines was removed from one of the sites. Dincher and Dincher removed the stumps from the previous trees.

TREE CITY USA: A motion was made by Scott Nichols to give the go-ahead to send in the application to apply for Tree City USA. Peter Herres 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

BUDGET 2014: Borough Manager Daniel Strausser stated that the budget will be passed tonight in the Borough Council Meeting. They have put into the budget that there be \$10,000.00 set aside for pruning. Once the Tree Vitalization Grant approves pruning as part of the grant, matching funds will be requested. The pruning jobs will then be prioritized.

PERMITS: One permit was submitted from Laurel Health Systems for a removal of a maple from 45 Walnut Street due to it being dead. A motion to approve the permit was made by Peter Herres and 2nd by Vicki Fox. The permit was granted.

GREENWOOD GARDENS: Scott Nichols reported that there was a Red Oak was planted where a Tulip Poplar was supposed to be in between the two buildings. There are also 12 B & B trees ready to plant. It looks like they are staying with the planting plan.

LAUREL HEALTH PLANTING: They have completed their planting and have even added more trees in the island than was on the plan.

FALL PLANTING PLAN: The trees will be delivered Thursday morning between 8 – 8:30 am in the Beitler's parking lot in Mansfield. On Friday the trees will be planted along the bank for Laurel Health on Water Street. On Tuesday, November 19, 2013 the remaining trees will be planted throughout the Borough. The students from the high school will assist in the planting on Tuesday. Pa One Calls have been made and the holes dug.

OTHER BUSINESS: Peter Herres reported that Dincher and Dincher have pruned the cherry trees on Queen Street and Nichols Street to remove the diseased limbs affected by the Black Knott Disease. The host tree has been removed. We will have to wait to see if it returns or not.

Vicki Fox requested that an article from Tree City USA #32 on salt damage to trees be put into the newsletter. The newsletter is now being printed but it will be put into the next newsletter.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Scott Nichols and 2nd by Vicki Fox. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 am.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by *Teresa Marshall*
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