

WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION

NOVEMBER 13, 2018

MINUTES

The meeting of the Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission was called to order on November 13, 2018 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 and Scott Nichols. Also present were Borough Manager Scot Boyce Jr. and Water & Sewer Clerk Teresa Marshall.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

MINUTES: A motion to accept the minutes from October 8, 2018 as written was made by Peter Herres and 2nd by Scott Nichols. Passed

PERMITS: John Kovalick – 57 Pearl Street – removal of tree and stump.
Curt Runyan – 25 Meade Street – removal of tree and stump
Michael Frazier – 27 Meade Street – removal of tree and stump

A motion was made by Peter Herres to accept the permits into record and was 2nd by Scott Nichols. Passed.

BUDGET: Items for 2019 budget. \$400.00 for operating expenses, \$5,500.00 contracted services and \$3,000 for purchases.

The Sophoras on Main Street need to be trimmed again to pull them away from the buildings. There are three trees that also need to be taken down. One in front of Bulas Jewlery Store, one in front of Dunhams Department Store and one in front of Citizens & Northern Bank.

HAZARDOUS TREE REMOVAL: A motion was made by Peter Herres to do an incentive program in 2019 up to \$350.00 for removal of hazardous tree and stump. The work will have to be completed before the money is issued. Scott Nichols 2nd. Passed. The \$3,000.00 in purchases to be used toward the program.

East Avenue has 22-23 ash trees that will need to be removed. Peter will ask for a quote from Dincher & Dincher to prune the Sophoras on Main Street, remove the three dead trees and the 22-23 ash trees on East Avenue. They would look at taking down the trees in the winter and replanting East Ave in 2020.

Borough Manager Scot Boyce Jr. stated that the Borough will be far less involved in Hazard Tree Removals. This will be between the contractor and the owner instead.

TREE CITY USA: Peter Herres will apply for in December.

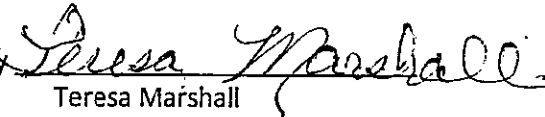
TREE VITALIZE: Pete has submitted the forms necessary. Steve Hoover has signed off on the work done. Hope to get a check within the week. Submitted one Tree Tender certificate. Howard and Scott will be bringing in copies of their certificates to be put on file.

SPRING PLANTING: They still owe Mr. Myers two trees on West Avenue. Peter is going to let McDonalds order bare root trees for replacements at their expense.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURN: Scott Nichols made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Peter Herres 2nd. Meetings was adjourned at 9:20 am.

The minutes were submitted by


Teresa Marshall