



WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION

MINUTES


NOVEMBER 13, 2023

The meeting of the Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission was called to order by Scott Nichols 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, Scott Nichols, Brian Kennedy, Tim Morey and Tyler Upham. Visitors Marc Rice, Jennifer Cochran and Fred Urich. Also present were Borough Manager Louis Rachiele and Teresa Marshall.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None


MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 9, 2023: Tim Morey approved the minutes as written and Brian Kennedy 2nd. Passed.



CHARLESTON STREET CONNECTOR PLAN: A draft of a planting plan for the connector plan was submitted for review and suggestions. Marc Rice reported that after conversations from Mike White the two older trees at Pinnacle Towers will need to come down. There was a concern from a resident from Pinnacle Tower about how the connection plan would save/incorporate shade tree. It will be ADA accessible.

They are looking at planting trees the fall of 2024 or the spring of 2025. They would like to carry the Main Street look to blend in mixing large and smaller trees in with shrubs that deer don't like to eat as much. The commission offered to use the bare root program to put the trees in spring of 2025. They have plenty of time to decide before it goes to the borough council after approval from commission. Will keep on agenda.

FALL PLANTING: The trees have been planted. They did have to move one tree because of the rocky soil and it being too close to a gas line. They were watered on Saturday and the match reports will be done before December 15, 2023 for next meeting along with tree list.



SPRING PLANTING: There was a discussion on notifying owners when planting trees to get their input. We have had to make adjustments in the past because a customer didn't want a tree on their property. There was discussion of the removal of the Norway Maples because they have become an invasive species and what budget they would need. Louis Rachiele's "uniform ordinance" suggestion went beyond invasive species. Tim Morey asked about how many trees there were and how many years it would take to replace them. Also there was discussion on the responsibility of the tree upkeep and who would be responsible. We use door hangers to alert the customer that a tree will be planted and mark the site with a stake. Surveys of the trees was brought up with the possibility of using high school students within walking distance of the school. A contact will be made to high school teacher to see if possible.

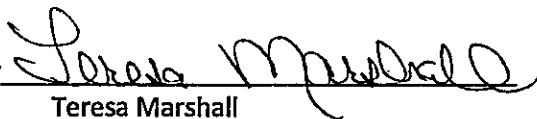
HAZARDOUS TREE REMOVALS: James Eckart of 11 Austin Street submitted a permit to remove a Norway maple from the corner of Austin & Bache Streets. A motion was made by Tim Morey to approve pending confirmation that it was a Norway maple. Tyler Upham 2nd.



PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURN: Tyler Upham made the motion to adjourn and Vick Fox 2nd. Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 am.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by



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