

WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION

December 12, 2022

MINUTES

The meeting of the Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission was called to order by Howard Rutledge in the Council room of the Wellsboro Municipal Building at 8:30am on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December, 2022. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

ROLL CALL: Members of the Shade Tree Commission present: Howard Rutledge, Vicki Fox, Scott Nichols, Brian Kennedy and Tim Morey. Also present were Borough Manager Louis Rachiele and Borough Secretary/Treasurer Amy Kane Perry.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 14,2022: Brian Kennedy made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of November 14,2022 as presented. The motion was seconded by Scott Nichols and carried.

FALL TREE PLANTING WRAP UP AND REPORTING: Fifteen trees were successfully planted on the day they were received. Reporting has been started with the match information being completed. The match included over \$3,000 in volunteer hours. The last step that needs completed is the mapping of where the trees were planted. Brian does not currently have access to that portion of the report but will complete once he has access.

Mapping of shade tree locations may be a project for the future. The mapping would include the location, type of tree and date planted. There may be help available through the DCNR Summer Youth Program. They did something similar for Troy a few years ago.

SPRING TREE PLANTING WEBINAR AND PLANTING: Brian Kennedy recently completed a Spring Planting Webinar. He would like to see two of the Sephora's on Main Street replaced with Triumph Elm and the trees along Pearl Street that have Black Knot Disease replaced with Adirondack Crabapple trees for the spring planting.

TREE CITY USA APPLICATION: Should be completed by the end of the day today. The last portion is membership names.

MAIN STREET PRUNING - DINCHER & DINCHER: Dincher & Dincher has offered a daily rate of \$4,500 to prune the trees on Main Street and address others that need pruned/removed. It is unsure if this includes stump grinding. The work will not begin until January but should be invoiced in December so it will hit in this fiscal budget year.

LETTER TO HOMEOWNERS – NICHOLS STREET & WEST AVE: Letters have been sent to two residents with problem trees in the Borough. The Trescott property on West Avenue was sent a letter regarding one dead tree with a broken limb and two others that may need addressed before they become problematic. The Cole residence on Queen Street was sent a letter regarding the removal/replacement of a dead tree.

MEMBERSHIP: Tim Morey, who is in attendance today, is on the agenda to be approved to a position on the Shade Tree Commission at today's Council meeting. He is filling to position left vacant by Pete

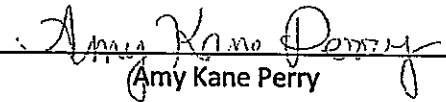
Herres. A motion was made by Scott Nichols to accept candidate Tyler Upham (Conservation District) to a position on the Shade Tree Commission. He will be filling the position made vacant by Howard Rutledge. The motion was seconded by Howard Rutledge and carried.

HOWARD'S LAST MEETING: Today is Howard's last meeting after serving over 20 years on the Shade Tree Commission. He advises to keep connections and relationships strong with community members and volunteers. They can be valuable for hands on help and additional expertise.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURN: Scott Nichols made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Vicki Fox and carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:00am.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by

  
Amy Kane Perry