

WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION

MINUTES

DECEMBER 13, 2021

The meeting of the Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission was called to order by Peter Herres in the council room of the Wellsboro Municipal Building on December 13, 2021 at 8:30 am. The pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

ROLL CALL: Members of the Shade Tree Commission present were Peter Herres, Vicki Fox, Scott Nichols and Brian Kennedy. Also present were Borough Manager Scot Boyce Jr. and water & sewer clerk Teresa Marshall.

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA: None

MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 8, 2021: Scott Nichols made the motion to accept the minutes as written and Vicki Fox 2<sup>nd</sup>.

VINYARD CHURCH PLANTING PLAN: The planting plan for the Vineyard Church was presented by Scot Boyce Jr, Borough Manager. The plan has 18 red maples around the outside of the property on Charleston Street plus gas lights. After looking at the plans, the committee suggested that some of the trees go into the interior of the property on islands similar the Laurel Health or the Penn Wells for proper spacing. This will improve the shading of the parking lot and help with run off. It was also an option that they use Freeman Maples instead of Red Maples as they are more salt tolerant. Spacing of the trees need to be further away from the driveway and the gas lights that will be along Charleston Street and Wetmore Street. The suggestion was that the trees be 30 feet away from the gas lights and the entrance. Scot Boyce Jr. will be sending a letter to the church with the review and comments of the committee.

TREE PLANTING IN NOVEMBER: Peter Herres reported that the tree planting went well and that the paperwork for the Tree Vitalize grant has been submitted to them. He suggested that we apply next year also since there were not enough applicants that applied this year.

PERMITS: Brian Kennedy made the motion to approve the tree planting permit and Vicki Fox 2<sup>nd</sup>. Also approved was the removal of a tree from Ed Hess property on West Ave. Motion was made by Scott Nichols and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vicki Fox to approve the hazard tree removal reimbursement of \$350.00 once the work was completed. A letter was sent by Bob Mosso asking to be reimbursed \$200.00 for a removal of an ash from his property. This was denied because it wasn't in the right of way or deemed a hazardous tree. A letter had originally been sent to him for a hazardous tree removal but it was later found out the tree belongs to a neighbor instead.

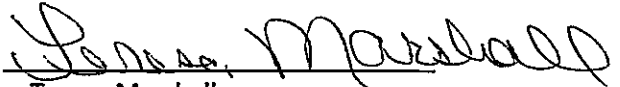
PEARL STREET TREES: The committee has not been successful in stopping the Black Knot disease from the Autumn Nautilus trees on Pearl Street. It was decided that they go to Bernie Dincher or Mike White and get a rate for a whole day removal and replant this area for the Spring Planting with whatever they can get from the list of trees that was sent to Peter Herres. A motion was made by Scott Nichols and 2<sup>nd</sup>

by Brian Kennedy for the removal of the fifteen trees and to replant the area plus Amber Abernathy's tree on Pearl Street. Brian Kennedy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. This will be in next year's budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No one from the Vineyard Church came to present their plan.

ADJOURN: Vicki Fox made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 am and Brian Kennedy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting was adjourned.

The minutes from the meeting were respectfully submitted by

  
Teresa Marshall