

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

MINUTES

DECEMBER 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Howard Rutledge in the Council Room of the Borough Building on December 14, 2015 at 8:30 am.

ATTENDANCE: Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission Members present were Howard Rutledge, Peter Herres, Vicki Fox, and Scott Nichols. Also present were Borough Manager Daniel K Strausser and Borough Secretary/Treasurer Susan L Keck.

MINUTES: Peter Herres made the motion to accept the minutes for September 14, 2015 as written and Scott Nichols seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TREE City USA – Pete is putting together documents to submit/apply for the Tree City USA status.

TOWNSEND PROPERTY – 40 MEADE STREET- Mrs. Townsend wanted the Borough to cut down the Black Walnut Tree as it is shedding walnuts all over. WECO was also asked to remove the tree. Howard and Pete both looked at it and feel it is not a candidate for removal. The rest of the Commission will take a look.

SPRING PLANTING- We will be getting the planting sites together now so that we can place an order. Charleston Street Ballfields are a prime location for 15 trees. Pete and Howard will ID other sites now to plant 20-25 trees in the spring.

TREE VITALIZE – TREE PRUNING GRANT: The application for the grant was not approved. We will submit again for the next round.

DAYLIGHTING WOODLAND AVENUE AND FISCHLER STREET- We will be trimming from Highland to Fischler near the Bowers property. These trees need to be limbed up or pruned for the bus clearances. Bernie Dincher will be in town Wednesday to give a quote. Scott Nichols made a motion to prune these areas as money allows. Vicki Fox seconded and the motion carried. Pete is to get a Hazard Trees price from Dincher.

OTHER PRUNING PROJECTS- We will stay under a 4000 to 5000 range for now.

PERMITS: 3 Charles Street has a small grove near the electric pole on the Pearl Street side that WECO has submitted an application for. Pete Herres made a motion to approve the application. Scott Nichols seconded the motion and it passed.

OTHER- Dan Strausser asked the Commission to prepare short and long range goals (up to 15 years, with cost estimates) by June of 2016. The members agreed.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Vicki Fox to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Scott Nichols. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 am.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by

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