

WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION

DECEMBER 17, 2012

MINUTES

Chairman Howard Rutledge, called the meeting of the Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission to order on December 17, 2012 in the Council Room of the John E Dugan Fire Station/Municipal Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

ROLL CALL: Howard Rutledge, Peter Herres, Vicki Fox, Scott Nichols and Robert McCarthy Jr. were present. Borough Manager Daniel Strausser was also present.

COMMENT PERIOD: There were no comments made.

TREE CITY USA APPLICATION: The application has been electronically sent. We spent around \$40,000.00 in services. Next year look at putting in actual figures.

CHARLESTON STREET TREE MISHAP: A Pear tree was knocked over by the McInroy Street intersection. Pete stood it back up and hopefully it will take hold.

BUDGET REVIEW: The budget has been completed. We will be looking at finding other funding for pruning. The committee still has the list provided by the Public Works on trees that need pruning.

YEAR END PRUNING: The pruning done by Dincher and Dincher for King and Pearl Streets has been completed at the budgeted amount of \$3,000.00. Dincher and Dincher came back a few days later and pruned the trees by the tennis courts and down the service road at Packer Park.

OTHER BUSINESS: Our present ordinance was established in 1969 and needs to be updated to cover issues that are occurring today. Manager Dan Strausser suggested that the ordinance be updated and placed in the codification project this is now on hold.

TREES IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA: Al Garrison and Curt Shramm have agreed to be on the committee representing the Chamber of Commerce. Some of the trees are in decline now. There is a need to have a master plan on removal and replacement of trees and the expenses that would be incurred in the project.

ADJOURN: Vicki Fox made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Scott Nichols 2nd. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by *Teresa Marshall*
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