

WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 13, 2023

MINUTES

The meeting of the Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission was called to order by Brian Kennedy in the council room of the Wellsboro Municipal Building at 8:30 am on the 13th of February 2023. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

ROLL CALL: Members of the Shade Tree Commission present were Vicki Fox, Brian Kennedy and Tim Morey. Also present was Teresa Marshall water & sewer clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENT OF AGENDA: None

MINUTES FROM JANUARY 9, 2023: Tim Morey made the motion to accept minutes as written and Vicki Fox 2nd. Passed

SHADE TREE ORDINANCE: They will be doing a section at a time starting with the next meeting.

SPRING PLANTING PLAN: Brian Kennedy stated that the planting plan that was originally submitted will not be happening this spring due to the trees not being available until fall. A new planting plan was presented for the spring to plant 18 trees. Vicki Fox made the motion to accept the new planting plan and Tim Morey 2nd. There was also discussion on using GIS to mark tree sites and any customer input and the property designation (park, residential, commercial). We will be notified when the trees come in.

Schichtel's Order: There has been two Triumph trees that will be purchased for the replacement trees on Main Street that were taken down. A motion was made by Vicki Fox to make purchase and Tim Morey 2nd.

MAIN STREET PRUNING: Dincher and Dincher did do some pruning from Ginn & Vickery Law Office down to the Dunkin Donuts and then up the other side to the Arcadia for the day rate of \$4, 500.00 that also included the removal of two trees on Main Street. There is still some trimming to do. There is some money in the hazard tree fund left. They will ask for quotes to finish the job from Dincher & Dincher and Mike White. There will also be a purchase of a tree from Martins for Arbor Day. A motion was made to go forward with the project based on the quotes received by Vicki Fox and 2nd by Tim Morey.

PERMITS: Cory Miles of 15 King Street for removal of a sugar maple that has become a hazard. Mike White will be doing the work. Tim Morey questioned if there were any minimum requirements for a contractor to remove trees. There has to be insurance coverage. Tim Morey made the motion to accept permit and Vicki Fox 2nd.

TREE INVENTORY: Tim Morey suggested looking into what other communities were doing with their tree inventory after opening up the GIS based website to view a location of a tree in the borough. He suggested maybe modifying an excel csv file. Included would be the tree health, canopy, diameter and year planted. Also there was a discussion of cost share with a summer work program that would have to

be decided by October of this year for the summer of 2024. Vicki Fox also commented that she was a part of an inventory that was done several years ago,

CHAIRPERSON: Vicki Fox nominated Scott Nichols to be the chairperson of the committee should he accept and Tim Morey 2nd. May have to look into doing a remote if necessary for voting or having a quorum.

STUMP GRINDING QUOTE: Brian Kennedy had a quote from Mark Brion to remove stumps from Pearl Street, Queen Street and Woodland Park on the trees that we removed. It would be \$690 of for trees on Pearl Street, another \$450.00 possible for trees on Pearl Street for already existing stumps, two trees on Queen street for \$210.00 and \$1,070.00 for trees that were cut down in Woodland Park. We would be responsible for Pearl Street trees and one or both of the trees on Queen Street. Approval for this has been tabled until next month.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURN: Tim Morey made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 am and Vicki Fox 2nd.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by


Teresa Marshall