

WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 18, 2013

MINUTES

The meeting of the Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission was called to order by Howard Rutledge, Chairman, in the council room of the John E Dugan Fire Station/Municipal Building at 7:00 pm on February 18, 2013.

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

COMMENT PERIOD: Borough Manager Daniel Strausser has been in contact with Greenwood Gardens in regards to their landscaping plan. They will be sending plans and he plans to set up a meeting at the site. Greenwood Street will be eventually taken over by the Borough after it has been fixed up and we will eventually be able to plant trees there also.

JACKSON STREET PLANTING PLAN: Peter Herres and Howard Rutledge have identified 16 sites. Due to power lines, trees will have to be short to medium height. They have selected two species – Malus Pink Spur (crabapple) and Robinia Sud Purple Robe (pink flower belongs to black locust family). They are also planting two swamp oaks and also replacing red maple. A Kentucky Coffee tree is also being planted in a larger area. WECO took a tree down in the right of way of Dr. Terry's property and we are replacing it with a red oak and planting it in the side yard instead. Most trees are 1 ¼" caliper.

MAIN STREET UPDATE: We hosted a meeting with Al Garrison and Curt Shramm. They talked about putting a plan together on replacing the trees on Main Street and whether or not to keep the same species or go to something different. There are 2 – 4 trees that need to be replaced in the near future. Al Garrison going back to Julie at the Chamber.

TREE VITILIZE GRANT PROGRAM: Bernie Dincher contacted Pete about the program that is usually only for the Pittsburg and Philadelphia area. They are opening it up to small communities. This could help with the pruning project. Peter will bring more information once it becomes available.

PERMITS: There were none

CAPITAL RESERVE: Borough Manager Daniel Strausser stated that there was \$5,018.00 in the capital reserve account. There was a grant from the Sweet Foundation for \$10,000.00 originally – it may have been spent on the planting of the trees in front of

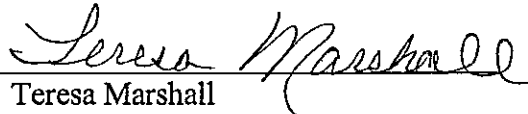
the Bilo Plaza replacing the Bradford Pears or on the Cone Street or Austin Street projects. Borough Manager Daniel Strausser will look into.

PENN STATE EXTENSION PRUNING FOR PROFESSIONALS: On March 8, 2013 from 9 – 3:30, Keystone College will hold a class for pruning. Howard and Peter may be interested. Scott Nichols was also interested in the class on pesticides. Daniel Strausser will look over materials.

OTHER BUSINESS: There was none.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm. Scott Nichols made the motion and Peter Herres 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by

  
Teresa Marshall