

WELLSBORO SHADE TREE

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 9, 2015

The Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission was called to order by Howard Rutledge, Chairman, on February 9, 2015. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

ATTENDANCE: Shade Tree Members: Howard Rutledge, Peter Herres, Vicki Fox and Robert McCarthy. Also attending were Borough Manager, Daniel Strausser and Water & Sewer Clerk Teresa Marshall. Visitors were Mark Foust, Joe Yakup and Brett Runkle from Penn DOT.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Peter Herres to accept the minutes from January 12, 2015 as written. Vicki Fox 2nd. The minutes were accepted and placed into record.

TREE TRIMMING REPORT: Dincher & Dincher pruned 65 to 70 trees for sight clearance through various areas of town. Pete is still looking for a grant for more trimming to become available.

PENN DOT: A request was brought in front of the commission to remove trees from the intersection of Kelsey Street and West Ave and also the intersection of Bewart Street and West Ave for site distance and safety reasons. The commission heard from Mark Foust, Joe Yakup and Brett Runkle all representing Penn DOT. Borough Manager Daniel Strausser asked if it was possible to reduce the speed limit to 25 mph instead of 35 mph. There was a study done and it was not viable to reduce the speed limit. One tree and a bush had been removed earlier from the Bewart intersection. Penn Dot will cut the trees down and remove if approved. They had also offered to replace the owner's trees on the Kelsey Street intersection. After some discussion the commission decided to discuss it further and give Penn Dot an answer in the March meeting. Borough Manager Daniel Strausser will also check into it further.

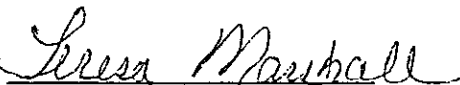
BARE ROOT ORDER: Pete has received the species list for the spring planting. There wasn't much on it but he uses the catalog also. The deadline to order is the middle of March. We will need to get the list done within the next few weeks.

MAIN STREET TREES: There was discussion of replacing the Sophora's with a different species due to the unavailability of getting the trees. The replacement tree would be the Robinia Black Locust. They are similar in appearance. There have been two planted in the Deane Center lot and another one planted at the Meade Street and Grant Street intersection. These trees will grow to the same size and won't be as messy. Borough Manager Daniel Strausser will take to the Borough Council meeting.

PAYMENT OF BILL: A motion was made by Robert McCarthy to pay the bill for Dincher and Dincher for trimming the trees. It was seconded by Vicki Fox.

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vicki Fox and 2nd by Robert McCarthy. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by


Teresa Marshall