

WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION

MINUTES

MARCH 13, 2023

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

ROLL CALL: Members of the Shade Tree Commission present were Brian Kennedy, Scott Nichols, Tyler Upham and Tim Morey. Also present was the Borough Manager Louis Rachiele and water and sewer clerk Teresa Marshall.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA: None

MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 13, 2023: The minutes were approved as written Brian Kennedy made the motion and Tim Morey 2nd. Passed.

SHADE TREE ORDINANCE REVIEW: The first two pages were read and discussed by the members of the commission. Tim Morey suggested that a plan be made on what we are managing, where we are coming from, where we are going and overall goal. Borough Manager Louis Rachiele stated that the planting plan goes through the council, cost to homeowners, what we help with when funds allow and where to go with complaints. Brian Kennedy stated that owner owns to the center of the road with a right of way in the tree lawn area. We had one owner take the ribbon-off on a tree for removal and we didn't remove it. We took trees down on Pearl Street from black knot disease and are looking at stump removal now.

MAIN STREET PRUNING: Dincher and Dincher prepared a price per tree quote from the Arcadia down. For \$1,640.00. Mike White will prune the young elms and remove the co-dominant stems for \$750.00. There is a tree to the left of the Methodist church that has a limb sticking out into traffic. Dincher and Dincher will look at.

SPRING PLANTING: We will mobilize once we get notified of ship date. Will do Pa One Calls and have students from high school to help plant. They will pick up trees from Beiter's parking lot in Mansfield.

TREE INVENTORY: This item was tabled.

ARBOR DAY: Arbor Day is April 28, 2023. We usually purchased the tree from Martins. There is a spot in Woodland Park for tree, a Red Bud. A motion made by Scott Nichols to purchase the tree from Martins and 2nd by Tim Morey.

BOROUGH APPROVED TREE REMOVAL LIST: Have a list of tree removers in place and they must provide proof of insurance every year to remain on list. There was some discussion on what were the legal responsibilities if a customer wanted to cut the tree down. Brian Kennedy going to write something up to show the solicitor that if customer cuts down tree they have to sign a waiver to release the Borough from any responsibility.

PERMITS: Carol Trescott – 18 West Ave – remove tree and Corey Miles 15 King Street to remove tree. Approved. Tyler Upham asked to have pictures taken of tree. Brian Kennedy will e-mail permit request to board members and pictures.

BIRDTOWN VISIT: They would like to attend the May 8, 2023 meeting.

NORTHERN TIER TREE SERVICE: An estimate was received for the grinding of stumps from Pearl Street trees that were cut down, one from Queen Street and also Woodland Park. After some discussion Tim Morey made the motion to go forward with the grinding and Scott Nichols 2nd. Tyler Upham suggested that we do a scoring sheet for future use.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was some discussion on getting the businesses more involved and education. Would like to see students more involved also. Scott Nichols will be the Chairman of the Shade Tree Commission.

ADJOURN: Scott Nichols made the motion to adjourn and Tyler Upham 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by


Teresa Marshall