

WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION
March 14, 2022 Minutes

The March 14, 2022 meeting of the Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission was called to order by Howard Rutledge at 8am. Board members Howard Rutledge, Brian Kennedy, Scott Nichols and Vicki Fox were present for the meeting along with Borough Manager, Scot Boyce, Jr. Mike White from Tree Masters, LLC was also present at the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Public Comment – No public comment offered.

Brian Kennedy made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2022 meeting. Scott Nichols seconded the motion and it carried.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Scott Nichols made a motion to approve the Shade Tree Commission's approval letter for the planting plan at the Tioga County Courthouse Parking project. Vicki Fox seconded the motion and it carried.
2. Scott Nichols made a motion to approve the request to remove two trees in the tree lawn area that would interfere with the solar panels being installed at 4 Stickley Street, condition that the entirety of both trees, including stump grinding, be removed and the Shade Tree be permitted to plant two Crab Apple trees in the tree lawn area to match those planted on the other side of the street. Vicki Fox seconded the motion and it carried.
3. Scott Nichols made a motion to approve the planting plan of the Vineyard Church. Vicki Fox seconded the motion and it carried.
4. Mike White, certified arborist, presented his request for cabling at tree at 52 Waln Street. Mr. White presented that 5/16" cabling will be used in the upper portions of the tree, above the main union, with the cables drilled through the tree to prevent girdling. The cables will reduce movement and risk by adding support. Scott Nichols made a motion to approve the cabling on the condition of the work being completed under the supervision of a certified arborist. Vicki Fox seconded the motion and it carries.
5. Scott Nichols made a motion to grant the permit for removal of three Callery Pear trees along the Grant Street side of the Rite-Aid property. Brian Kennedy seconded the motion and it carried.
6. Scott Nichols made a motion to approve payment of \$350.00 as reimbursement for hazardous tree removal at 25 West Avenue. Vicki Fox seconded the motion and it carried.

Public Comment – Mike White thanked the Shade Tree Commission for all they do. The board members reciprocated the gratitude for Mr. White always checking before completing work in the Borough.

Scott Nichols made the motion for adjournment at 8:54am. Vicki Fox seconded the motion and it carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Scot J. Boyce Jr.
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