

WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION

MINUTES

MARCH 18, 2013

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 7:02 pm on March 18, 2013.

ROLL CALL: Members that were present were Howard Rutledge, Peter Herres, Scott Nichols and Vicki Fox. Absent was Robert McCarthy Jr. Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser was also present. Steven Kramer from Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital was our visitor.

MINUTES: The minutes were approved with a spelling correction in the section on Jackson Street Planting Plan. The species should be Robinia Pseud Purple Robe instead if Robinia Sud Purple Robe. Peter Herres made the motion with the correction and Scott Nichols 2nd.

COMMENT PERIOD: There were none.

LAUREL HEALTH PARKING LOT PLANTING PLAN: Steven Kramer from S & S Hospital presented a planting plan for the parking lot on Water and Queen Streets. They had demolished the two buildings at the end of the original parking lot and plan to extend the parking lot adding on an additional 28 spaces for used for the Medical Building. There is a plan for 11 trees with two green spaces on each corner of the parking lot along Queen Street. He would like some input from the committee as well as what species should be planted. After looking at the plan, the committee commented that the spacing for the trees were to close. They suggested a 30-35 ft. space between trees instead of 20 ft. There was a concern of the trees becoming a screen and blocking the view of pedestrians coming out of the area. Pete would like to see small planters with a tree in each one lessening the storm water runoff and increasing shade. It was also suggested the trees should be planted on Queen Street side also. Scott Nichols made the motion to submit the plan with the recommendations of planters, spacing trees out more and putting some of the trees on Queen Street side. Vicki 2nd. Passed.

GREENWOOD GARDEN PLANTING PLAN: After looking over the plan, it was agreed that the plan far exceeded the 50% rule for shade. There are smaller trees in front of units and larger trees in back. The magnolia sweet boy species of tree may not do well in this area. This will be privately maintained and has private drives instead of streets. Howard had sent a tentative letter to them already. Scott Nichols made the motion to accept the plan and Vicki Fox 2nd. Passed.

PA ONE CALLS: Pa One Calls will be made for the bare root planting once the spaces have been marked and staked. Planting should be somewhere between April 15th to the 26, 2013. Mark Dieffenbach or Scott Nichols will prep holes.

ARBOR DAY: Arbor Day usually occurs the last Friday in April. We have been celebrating Arbor Day when we do our bare root planting usually on the Wednesday instead of the Friday.

PERMITS: There were none to present.

OTHER BUSINESS: No other business was discussed.

ADJOURNED: The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by *Teresa Marshall*
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