

WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION

MINUTES

March 9, 2015

The Meeting of the Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission was called to order by Peter Herres on March 9, 2015 at 8:35 am in the Council Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

ATTENDANCE: Shade Tree Members: Peter Herres, Vicki Fox, Scott Nichols and Robert McCarthy. Also present were Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser and Water & Sewer Clerk Teresa Marshall.

VISITORS: Steve Hoover-DCNR

MINUTES: A motion to accept the minutes from February 9, 2015 as written was made by Robert McCarthy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Nichols . Motion passed.

COMMENT PERIOD: Steve Hoover from DCNR would like to set up a workshop for volunteers to collect seeds from Ash and Hemlock trees to put into a long term storage facility possibly in June. Peter Herres suggested also sponsoring an information session on the Emerald Ash Borer.

PLANTING PLANS: The Commission and Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser will continue to monitor the progress of the planting plans for McDonalds, Greenwood Gardens and Penn Wells Lodge.

PENN DOT REQUEST: A motion was made by Vicki Fox to remove the first tree at the intersection of Bewart and West Avenue for site distance, and also the first and third trees at Mr. Mosso's property and limbing up the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> tree. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Nichols. PennDot will also be responsible for contacting the homeowners, removal, limbing up, stump grinding, soil replacement and seeding. They also are requesting that two trees be removed by them on Tioga Street that were deemed hazardous. These would be one by the Terrace Court Motel and one by the former Dialysis Center.

SPRING PLANTING: The Commission will be looking at 10 -20 locations for planting to be determined when the snow melts off. A tree will be planted for Arbor Day on April 24, 2015 at 1:00 pm. The tree will be provided by Wellsboro Electric Co.

MAIN STREET TREES: Peter Herres talked about the decision to plant Emerald Sunshine Elms in place of the Sophora's on Main Street. They are a medium tree, look a lot like the Sophora except they do not flower. They will have a yellow color in the fall. They won't be obtained till fall and may have to be purchased as a B & B tree. This was suggested instead of the Robinia Black Locust as a replacement.

PERMITS: There were no permits presented.

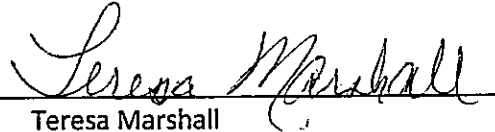
WEST AVENUE HAZARDS: Wellsboro Electric will be contacting the residents that have hazardous trees on West Avenue for removal and apply for the permits. The homeowner will be responsible for the stump grinding. There are three sugar maples in decline.

STUMP GRINDING: There were a number of stumps from Woodland Park, Packer Park and possibly West Ave for the stump grinding program to be taken care of.

EAST AVENUE E.A.B: After some discussion whether to remove the Ash trees on East Avenue or treat, a motion made by Scott Nichols to remove the trees instead of treating them and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vicki Fox. It was passed. The trees removed would be replaced with a different species. This would be a possibility for the Tree Vitalize Grant. The ash trees in Packer Park and Charleston ball field will also be removed.

ADJOURNED: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Scott Nichols and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vicki Fox. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 am.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by

  
Teresa Marshall