

WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION

APRIL 16, 2012

MINUTES

The meeting of the Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission was called to order in the council room of the John E Dugan Fire Station/Municipal Building on April 16, 2012 at 5:50 pm by Chairman Howard Rutledge.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

ATTENDANCE: Shade Tree Members: Howard Rutledge, Peter Herres, Vicki Fox and Scott Nichols. Absent was Robert McCarthy Jr. Borough Manager: Daniel Strausser. Pa Department of Forestry: Steve Hoover.

MINUTES: The minutes from March 19, 2012 were approved with one correction. The spelling of Reverend Hallead's name instead of Hallstead. Peter made the motion and Scott Nichols 2nd. Passed.

STUMP REMOVAL: Kimberly Smith was called and told the tree that was taken down was not deemed a hazardous tree and that if she wanted to participate in the stump removal program she could. There was no response.

DANIEL STRAUSSER: He sent e-mail to Pa DOT to have them contact Peter Herres when they are ready to look at the area around Harsch's on Tioga Street. Peter commented that there is one tree that needs to come down there. There may not be any problem if they stay within the right of way and if it doesn't take away from the shade canopy.

Daniel Strausser also told the Greenwood Garden project that they have to get a hold of the Shade Tree Commission before any planting is done there.

COMMENT PERIOD: Steve Hoover from the Department of Forestry presented the Shade Tree Commission with Tree City USA for 16 years. This included 16 year stickers, a hat, flag, pin and the sticker for the plaque.

PERMITS: Wayne Diffenderfer for 13 King Street – removal of tree because of interference with new driveway and poor growth.

Put into record the planting of 37 trees around town.

A motion to accept both permits was made by Scott Nichols and 2nd by Vicki Fox.

Steve Hoover mentioned another tree that may be hazardous at the top of Grant Street. The tree is on the owner's side of sidewalk and doesn't need a permit.

TREE PLANTING: There were around eight kids from the high school that participated in the planting coming and going depending on their class schedule. They were done planting trees by 1:30 – 1:45 pm. There were some nice-sized trees this year. Average cost per tree is around \$80.00.

WATERING TREES: They will begin watering trees on Wednesday, April 18, 2012.

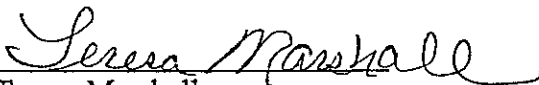
ARBOR DAY: Arbor Day is scheduled for April 27, 2012 at 1 pm. The site is yet to be determined. They would like to find a Sophora to plant in front of the Timeless Destination if possible.

HAZARDOUS TREE: The tree at King and Walnut (Long property) definitely qualifies as a hazardous tree. They would like to see if WECO will cut down or we will put on the 50/50 removal program. The owners did replant a red sunset back into their yard. A motion to proceed with the removal of the tree was made by Peter Herres and 2nd by Vicki Fox. Passed. They will also review the hazardous trees on West Ave.

Steve Hoover asked them to look at the blue spruces around town because they look like they have a fungus on them. He also asked about insurance companies and their coverage on damages from falling trees.

Peter Herres asked to have Steve look at the Scotch pines at the baseball fields on Charleston Street around their main parking lot. He didn't have the money in the budget to cut down now. Daniel Strausser said that the money would have to be found to get hazardous trees down on Borough property.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:07 pm. Scott Nichols made the motion to adjourn and Vicki Fox 2nd.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by 
Teresa Marshall