

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

APRIL 8, 2019

MINUTES

The meeting of the Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission was called to order by Howard Rutledge, Chairman, on April 8, 2019 in the council room of the Wellsboro Municipal Building at 8:30 am. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

ROLL CALL: Members of the Shade Tree Commission present were: Howard Rutledge, Peter Herres, Vicki Fox and Scott Nichols. Also present were Borough Manager Scot Boyce Jr. and water and sewer clerk Teresa Marshall. Visitors were Pastor Michael White and his son.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

MINUTES: Peter Herres made the motion to approve the minutes from March 11, 2019 and 2nd by Scott Nichols. Accepted into record.

NEW MEMBER: A motion made by Peter Herres to recommend Brian Kennedy to the board to replace Robert McCarthy. Vicki Fox 2nd. The recommendation will go to Borough Council tonight.

DOLLAR GENERAL REVIEW: Borough Manager Scot Boyce Jr. presented plans for the Dollar General Store that will be going in by Advanced Auto. They were looking for recommendations for species of trees. It was suggested that the existing ash trees be removed and 2 to 3 medium to large trees be put on the side of property. In front of property trees should not exceed 25 feet growth under the utility lines. This plan still has to be approved by the Planning Commission.

CAR WASH REVIEW: Plans were also provided for the 4 bay car wash that will be going in by Automax on Tioga Street. Plantings will depend on a number of items that have not been completed yet.

TREE VITALIZE: Pete has contacted Steve Hoover and will complete the application this week. He has also spoke to Dincher & Dincher to do the tree inventory. We are looking at using I Tree software to record the information. The estimate for the inventory will be around \$28,000.00 and will be applying for \$14,000.00 from tree vitalize and \$14,000.00 from council. The project will be for the year 2020. The parks will also be included in this inventory. Borough Council has already approved.

TREE STAKE OUT: 17 sites have been staked out on East Avenue and one on Main Street and one on West Avenue. The stump still needs to come out on the Main Street in front of Peggy's Bake Shop. Triumph Elms will be planted on the lower end of East Ave and Accolade Freeman Maples on the rest of East Ave.

PA ONE CALLS: The Pa One Calls will be submitted today with the dig date starting Friday April 12, 2019.

TREE PICKUP DATE: The trees will be picked up on April 23rd at Beiter's parking lot at 7am. There will also be four trees for McDonalds that they will be paying for.

TREE PLANTING: They will be looking at April 25th or 26th depending on the high school schedule.

ARBOR DAY: Arbor Day is scheduled for April 26, 2019 at 1pm in front of Peggy's Bake Shop on Main Street.

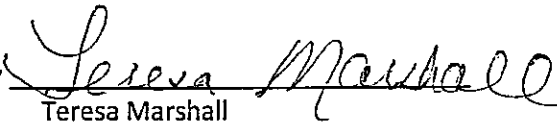
MULCHING MAIN STREET: Mulching will be done by May 11, 2019 on Main Street by a crew led by Michael White. Ginn & Vickery have already done theirs.

GATOR BAGS FOR EAST AVENUE: There was a request to purchase 12 more gator bags to place on the East Avenue trees. The costs will be \$21.99 each to be taken out of the operating expenses. Scott Nichols made the motion and Vickie Fox 2nd.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Pastor Michael White thanked the committee on the work that they have done.

ADJOURN: Vickie Fox made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Scott Nichols 2nd. Meeting was adjourned at 9:27 am.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by


Teresa Marshall