

WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION

MINUTES

MAY 12, 2014

The meeting was called to order in the council room of the Borough of Wellsboro by Chairman, Howard Rutledge on May 12, 2014. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

ROLL CALL: Chairman Howard Rutledge, Peter Herres, Vicki Fox, Scott Nichols from the Shade Tree Commission were present along with Daniel Strausser, Borough Manager and Teresa Marshall, Water and Sewer Clerk.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Peter Herres to approve the minutes as written from April 14, 2014 and 2nd by Scott Nichols. Motion passed.

WEST AVENUE TREES: A meeting was held with Wellsboro Electric to discuss the pruning job (topping trees) done by Asplundh's on West Ave. Bernie Dincher will be given a written proposal. The younger trees can be repruned. In the future trees can't be above the cable lines or power lines.

SOPHORA TREE ON MAIN STREET – A Sophora tree was bought from Northern Nurseries to replace the tree in front of Citizens & Northern Bank. Pete Herres made the motion to pay the bill along with the bill for Dincher & Dincher who will be planting the tree. It was 2nd by Vicki Fox. Both bill approved for payment.

SPRING PLANTING: Trees were planted on April 17, 2014. There was an article and picture in the Wellsboro Gazette. They are already pushing bud.

ARBOR DAY TREE: A thank you was given to Wellsboro Electric for providing a London Plane that was planted for Arbor Day in front of the Penn Wells Lodge.

GREENWOOD TREE PLANTING: Scott Nichols reported to the committee that some of the trees are still on the ground to be planted. The ones that have been planted are pretty much where they are supposed to be except the order is reversed in some of the areas. Borough Manager Daniel Strausser will e-mail them to have them notify us when they are done for a walk through and approval from Shade Tree Commission.

WATERING NEW TREES: Peter Herres reported that Patrick and Mitch from Parks & Recreation will be watering trees throughout the summer. Howard Rutledge reminded him to water the trees that were planted in the fall also.

INVENTORY TREE SOFTWARE: There are three different locations that will be providing a workshop on how to use the software to do a tree inventory for the community. Howard Rutledge and Peter Herres plan to attend the seminar on May 23, 2014 in Kutztown Pa.

OTHER BUSINESS: Borough Manager Daniel Strausser, Peter Herres and Howard Rutledge will be attending the seminar for the Emerald Ash Borer in June sponsored by the Department of Forestry.

Wellsboro and Deerfield Township are the only two locations that have signed up so far. There was some discussion on who would be paying an intern.

Harvesting of some of the ash trees on the properties of the County, Wellsboro Borough Municipal Authority and another resident near Hamilton Lake was also brought up. The Wellsboro Borough Municipal Authority is now made up of Jim Paxson, Jeff Wilson, Terry Bryant, Sharon Zuchowski and Joan Hart. Scott Nichols did a survey on the property 15 years ago and marked the flood pool.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 am. The motion was made by Scott Nichols and 2nd by Vicki Fox.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by: *Teresa Marshall*
Teresa Marshall
Water & Sewer Clerk