

WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION

MINUTES

MAY 21, 2012

The Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission met in the council room of the John E Dugan Fire Station/Municipal Building on May 21, 2012 at 7:00 pm. Howard Rutledge presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Shade Tree Commission members present: Howard Rutledge, Peter Herres, Vicki Fox and Scott Nichols. Absent was Robert McCarthy. Also present was Borough Manager: Daniel Strausser. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

MINUTES: The minutes from April 16, 2012 were approved as written. Peter Herres made the motion and Vicki Fox 2nd. The minutes were posted as written.

TREE DAMAGE: A delivery truck damaged a Callery Pear at Akiko's on East Ave. Pete Herres contacted Bernie Dincher for an estimate of the damage. He did come up but he hasn't given an estimate of costs yet. A report has also been filed with the police department. Clark Hewitt has also filed for property damage.

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION: The site location was by Tussey Mosher Funeral Home. Grades 5 -6 from the Trinity Lutheran School was also in attendance. A Robinson Crab Apple was planted and was donated by the Wellsboro Electric Co. Daniel Strausser commented on how it was a learning experience for the children.

WATERING SCHEDULE: The trees have been watered once. If we don't get enough rain within the next couple of days, they will be watering again. Once the high school students get out of school, watering will be done once a week.

COMMUNITY FORESTRY MEETING: Vinny Controne had contacted Pete and Howard about the possibility of Wellsboro hosting an annual meeting in Wellsboro around August and showing Wellsboro's tree planting program. Peter has e-mailed Vinny to see if it would be happening. Pete thought that the arrangements would not be a cost to us if we do host the event.

MULCHING PROGRAM: Pete had mentioned a mulching program for the trees planted by the Commission because of the fact the most of the tree rings were gone and mulching was not being done. The program would have the customer pick up a bag of mulch for their tree. The sod would have to be taken up and a tree ring established. Right now, Pete's sod cutter is broken and if he can't get it fixed, he may consider buying another. There isn't much mulch left and he didn't really want to order another load and hold it

over the winter. After some discussion among the members, it was decided to table the issue until a later date.

OTHER BUSINESS: It was asked if Pa Dot was going to do anything on Tioga Street. The one tree is still a hazard. Pa Dot doesn't have the money to continue the project at this time. Daniel Strausser will contact Pa Dot to see about the removal of the tree.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm. Scott Nichols made the motion and Vicki Fox 2nd.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by *Teresa Marshall*
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