

WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION

MINUTES


MAY 8, 2023

The meeting of the Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission was called to order by Chairman Scott Nichols in the council room of the Wellsboro Municipal Building on May 8, 2023 at 8:30 am. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

ROLL CALL: Members of the Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission present were Vicki Fox, Scot Nichols and Brian Kennedy. Also present were Borough Manager Louis Rachiele and water and sewer clerk Teresa Marshall. Visitors also present were Heidi Shiver, President of Bird Town Pa. Sean & Robin Minick from the Audubon Society, and Cindy Copp.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES FROM MARCH 13, 2023: A motion was made by Brian Kennedy to approve the minutes from March 13, 2023 as written and Vicki Fox 2<sup>nd</sup>.



VISIT FROM PRESIDENT OF BIRD TOWN PA.: Heidi Shiver gave a informative talk to the committee about Bird Town Pa and what they were doing. She also talked about the website and new signs with a different logo. Brian Kennedy stated that we were trying to plant native species of trees in our program. Heidi also stated the different designations they had and that Wellsboro was at the silver level. They had also gotten a donation for their work from Penn Community Bank of \$10,000.00. She also talked about forming a committee and passing a resolution in support of the program.

ARBOR DAY AND TREE USA: Brian Kennedy stated that we were in the 27<sup>th</sup> year as Tree City USA designation. On April 28<sup>th</sup> an Eastern Red Bud was planted in front of a residence for Arbor Day.


SPRING PLANTING: Twenty trees were planted with most of the holes having to be hand dug because of their locations. The grant will be completed and turned in by May 15, 2023. Tree and stump removal from Pearl Street has been completed for the fall planting.

SPONGY MOTH: Scott Nichols said to go ahead with the BT spraying for one more year unless the moths become a big problem. There was some egg masses in on the green.


DUNHAM PARKING LOT: They placement of a tree in the planter at the corner of East Ave & Pearl Street remains under discussion.

PERMITS: A maple from Trinity Lutheran Church was removed on West Ave.

Vicki Fox reported that a limb was dangling from a tree in front of Child Evangelism on Charleston Street. A letter needs to be sent to a resident that has a hazardous Norway maple needs to be removed.



Back yard habitat - There are signs available for \$25.00 with \$5.00 going to Tiadaghton Audubon Society and \$20.00 going to programing.



**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Cindy Copp brought up her concerns about the Rails to Trail Project and the removal on three trees from the Pinnacle Towers green space area. She wanted to know if it was approved by Shade Tree Committee. Brian stated that an overall plan was presented to committee but didn't know if that was on it. The approvals would have been with County and owner of property. We are only responsible for the tree lawn area in front of sidewalk and street.

**ADJOURN:** Vicki Fox made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Brian Kennedy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 am.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by



Teresa Marshall

