

WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION

JUNE 17, 2013

MINUTES

The meeting of the Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission was called to order by Chairman Howard Rutledge at 7:01 pm on June 17, 2013 in the council room of the John E Dugan Fire Station/Municipal Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

ATTENDANCE: Wellsboro Shade Tree Members: Peter Herres, Howard Rutledge, Scott Nichols and Vicki Fox. Absent was Robert McCarthy Jr. Borough Manager, Daniel K Strausser also was in attendance.

MINUTES: The minutes from April 15, 2013 were approved as written. The motion to approve was made by Peter Herres and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Nichols.

COMMENT PERIOD: There were no comments made.

TREE WATERING: The new trees were watered three times before we started to get rain. Peter will keep a close watch and water as needed. They also did some pruning of trees around town and mulched the trees on Main Street.

LAUREL HEALTH PLANTING PLAN: The planting at the parking lot will be done in the Fall as some of the species will not be available until then.

CREEK BANK: The creek bank by the Laurel Health Parking lot on Water Street is in need of cleanup. Peter Herres proposed that Laurel Health clean up the bank and that the Shade Tree Commission plant 6-8 medium trees with the electric lines to be taken into consideration. Pete will also contact WECO concerning the power lines. There was discussion on how best to get rid of the knot weed that is growing there.

PENN WELLS PLANTING PLAN UPDATE: Borough Manager, Daniel Strausser was in touch with Shawn from Penn Wells and was told that they would not be able to complete the planting project this year. He also wanted to know since the Commission planted trees across the street, why couldn't they do the same for Penn Wells. There was discussion if Penn Wells would take down the trees that are in decline in front, they could put in London Planes. Manager Daniel Strausser will draw something up in writing and present to Borough Council.

TREE VITALIZE GRANT: Pete Herres stated that the guidelines for the grant have been changed opening it up to communities that weren't eligible before. He suggested that we apply and see if we could use it for pruning trees if that was possible in the guidelines. Borough Manager Daniel Strausser also suggested that we plant trees on Greenwood Street since the Borough now owns up to Borough line. It was decided to go

ahead and apply for the grant. Peter will make a call to find out what the grant can be used for.

STUMP REMOVAL: It was decided that the program be put on hold this year due to the lack of stumps present. They will be looking around town to see if there are any stumps that can be put on the list.

MAIN STREET TREES: There are several Sophora's on Main Street that are in decline and will need to be replaced. There has been no response back from the Chamber of Commerce on any species changes. They are a unique tree but are getting harder to find. Both Bernie Dincher and Vinny Cotrone still say they can be obtained. Scott Nichols made a motion to stay with the planting of the Sophora's since there was no one that got back to them with anything different. Vicki Fox 2<sup>nd</sup>. Peter will look in the actual costs of the trees.

MEETING DATE AND TIMES: The Shade Tree Commission changed that date and time for their meetings. They will be now held at 8:30 am the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month in the Borough Conference Room.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm. Peter made the motion to adjourn and Scott Nichols 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Teresa Marshall  
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