

WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION

JULY 10, 2017

MINUTES

The meeting of the Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission was called to order by Chairman Howard Rutledge in the Council Room of the Wellsboro Municipal Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

ROLL CALL: Members of the Shade Tree Commission present were Howard Rutledge, Peter Herres and Vicki Fox. Also present were Borough Manager Scot F. Boyce, Jr., Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser, and Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

MINUTES FROM JUNE, 2017: Peter Herres made the motion to accept the minutes with corrections replacing the name Harry Webster with Rodriguez, and replacing the term fireblade with the term fireblight. Vicki Fox was the 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

HAZARD TREE REMOVAL: WEST END- Pete met with Rodriguez and Carleton's Nursing Home regarding the two hazard trees out in the front near the sidewalk. Both agreed the trees need to come down. Bernie Dincher gave a quote between \$2,000 and \$2,500 per tree or \$8,100 for four trees. Pete is getting two more quotes; Asplund and Sargents. Bob Davis does not have the equipment to do this job, as there is also traffic control involved. Pete will let the property owners know which contractor will do the job. The contractor will bill the property owners, the property owners pay and submit the bill to the Borough, and then the Borough will reimburse the property owner \$500.00.

TREEVITALIZE GRANT - This grant now has a 50/50 match, with a pruning component for the maintenance of shade trees. There is a total project match of up to \$50,000. The deadline is August 15th to apply. We will decide how many trees and how much money we want to apply for. Pete made a motion to apply for a \$20,000 grant using \$10,000 Borough funds as a match. Vicki seconded the motion and it carried.

WATERING TREES: Watering trees is occurring on a regular water cycle. This will continue. Main Street trees are getting 20 gallons at a time and other streets are getting 10 gallons at a time.

PERMITS: Howard will be assisting preparing a Bache Street residents application. The Electric Company needs to look at the Bache Street trees.

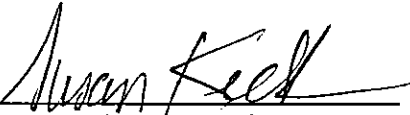
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Residents whose trees are impacting the sidewalk are Scolari on Riberolle and Stratton on East Avenue. Sue Keck will call them and ask them to trim.

WECO will be cutting the Trees at the Sewer Plant. The Tree money for replacement will come from the Sewer Fund next year. Shade Tree will make recommendations for replacing those trees. Height requirements will be considered.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Vicki Fox made a motion to adjourn and Pete Herres seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 am.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by


Susan Keck, Secretary/Treasurer