

WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION

JULY 11, 2016

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 Daniel K Strausser, Council Member Michael Wood and Water & Sewer Clerk Teresa Marshall.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: Councilman Michael Wood brought up several items for the Commission to look into. They were :

- 1) Black Knot – Nichols Street
- 2) Two trees on Main Street – bark separating from tree
- 3) Pearl Street Parking lot – 3 additional trees
- 4) Dead tree on Queen Street
- 5) Two trees by Diner bark flaking off
- 6) Trees in Top's parking lot

Pete Herres and Steve Hoover pruned about 90% of the Black Knott. They took out about 1/3 of canopy on two trees in front of cemetery.

Bernie Dincher will be in Thursday to look at the trees on Main Street and give them suggestions. He will also look at the Christmas Tree on the Green and the Black Knot on Nichols Street.

Tops parking lot – no money available yet and the owner has to get permission from Top's to lose parking spaces. He does have plans.

The London Plane in front of post office will be replaced.

The dead tree on Queen Street will be taken down and the owner billed for ½ of the costs.

Pearl Street parking lot – corner plantings.

MINUTES FROM JUNE 13, 2016: Peter Herres made the motion to accept the minutes as written and Vicki Fox 2nd. Passed

HAZARD TREE REMOVAL: Still haven't gotten a hold of Bob Davis yet. Borough Manager Daniel K Strausser stated that there will be tree removed for the storm water project on Bodine Street. Bernie Dincher will be here Thursday between 11:00 & 12:00.

GREENWOOD GARDENS: They are still working on. Most of the trees are hurting.

WATERING TREES: Watering trees on a regular water cycle. Today they will be watering each new tree for three minutes.

MAIN STREET TREES: There is some discussion on what to plant in place of the Sophora's.

PERMITS: A permit for Scott Nichols – 44 Fischler Street – removal was approved. Peter made the motion to approve the permit and Vicki Fox 2nd.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Before trimming trees contractor must have approval from Shade Tree Commission in writing before doing line clearance.

Peter Herres talked about the mulching practices going on in town. Suggested putting article in the newsletter and Vicki Fox suggested that we send the article to landscapers.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Peter Herres made a motion to adjourn and Vicki Fox 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 am.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by 
Teresa Marshall