

WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION

MINUTES

JULY 14, 2014

The meeting of the Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission was called to order by Chairman Howard Rutledge on July 14, 2014 in the Council Room at 8:30 am. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

ATTENDANCE: Members of the Shade Tree Commission present were: Howard Rutledge, Peter Herres, Scott Nichols and Vicki Fox. Also present were Borough Manager- Daniel Strausser , Borough Council Member – Jennifer Mase Updyke and Water & Sewer Clerk- Teresa Marshall.

MINUTES: A motion was made to accept the minutes from June 9, 2014 as written by Peter Herres and 2nd by Scott Nichols. Passed.

COMMENT PERIOD: Jennifer Mase Updyke from the Borough Council was present at the meeting.

HAZARD TREE REMOVAL: A motion was made to give permission to remove the two trees on Siemans Street bordering Woodland Park by Peter Herres and 2nd by Scott Nichols.

The tree at Thomas Bird house on Central Avenue was removed by Campbell's Tree Service. Pete Herres gave a \$400.00 maximum limit for the contribution from the Commission towards removal costs.

PENN WELLS LODGE: One of the two trees has been removed. Peter Herres made a motion to have the Borough crew go in and remove the other tree should we need to and Scott Nichols 2nd. Borough Manager Daniel Strausser is working with owners to get this done.

GREENWOOD STREET TREES: Scott Nichols gave an update on the progress of the tree planting at Greenwood Street. He marked the trees that have died on the map. Borough Manager Daniel Strausser will contact Treehab.

I-TREE PROGRAM: Peter Herres check with the school on I-Pads and they will let us borrow four to do the tree survey. They are looking at having four groups of volunteers to do the project and input the data into the I-Pads that will save to the clouds and be retrieved by a user account. Steve Hoover has said he would help. Another suggestion was to see if Kerry Gyekis was interested.

PERMITS: A motion was made by Peter Herres and 2nd by Vicki Fox to enter four permits into record as approved. They are: Thomas Bird -31 Pearl Street – removal of tree and stump. Judith & John Barkley – 8 Hastings Street – removal and tree. Solider & Sailor Memorial Hospital – Water street location – removal and plant two trees. Also a tree from 52 West Ave (Mary Myers) that was pruned will be removed.

WATERING: Watering has been done on a six day cycle along with fertilization on the trees.

WINTER DAMAGE: There was discussion on some of the trees that were tipped to hopefully improve new growth on some of the trees around town. They are watching several trees to see how they do.

OTHER BUSINESS:

WALNUT STREET TREES: Peter Herres will talk to owner of property where their trees are infecting trees down the street. The Commission will offer them a bare root tree in its place.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Peter Herres to adjourn the meeting and 2nd by Scott Nichols. Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 am.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by: Teresa Marshall
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