

WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION

MINUTES

AUGUST 12, 2013

The meeting of the Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission was called to order by Chairman Howard Rutledge, in the Council Room on August 12, 2013 at 8:30 am. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all that present.

ATTENDANCE: Shade Tree Members: Howard Rutledge, Peter Herres, Vicki Fox, Scott Nichols, Robert McCarthy Jr. Borough Council Members: Mike Wood and Rudy Scharf, Borough Manager Daniel Strausser.

MINUTES: The minutes from June 17, 2013 were approved as written by Peter Herres and 2nd by Robert McCarthy Jr. Passed and put into record.

COMMENT PERIOD: Rudy Scharf asked if anything could be done with the creek bank on the Laurel Health Parking Lot. Peter Herres has talked to Laurel Health about removal of the current trees and replanting to have it look like the creek bank by the Fire Department Annex and the old Bilo (Tops) Plaza. Wellsboro Electric will be improving the service in that area, then larger shade trees can be planted in that area. A tree canopy can lessen storm water runoff.

BLACK KNOT DISEASE: Some of the cherry trees on Nichols Street have been affected with the Black Knot Disease. There was discussion on whether to cut them down and replace with another species or prune away the sections affected. Mike Wood would like to see the tree most affected to be taken down and the rest pruned. The Borough could take down the tree that is in bad shape. A motion was made by Scott Nichols to get costs from an arborist to prune the trees by Scott Nichols and 2nd by Vicki Fox.

LAUREL HEALTH PARKING LOT: Laurel Health will be planting in the fall. Some of the species were not available until then.

FALL PLANTING: Trees are available to the Borough for fall but it was not budgeted and will not be done.

TREE VITALIZE PROGRAM: The program out now, does not allow for pruning but another phase that will be release will allow it. When this program comes out, we will apply.

MAIN STREET TREES: A source has been found to purchase Sophoras for Main Street. They may have a problem with the tree pit in front of Timeless Destination with services lines. They also may have to take up some of the sidewalk to accommodate the size of

tree going in. A design Pa One call also will be made. Three need replaced now and probably 6-7 more later on.

STUMP REMOVAL: This will be put on hold due to lack of stumps.

OTHER BUSINESS: Borough Manager asked that someone to take control and inspect the planting at Greenwood Gardens. Scott Nichols will be the primary and Peter Herres will act as backup.

The finance committee has earmarked \$6,000 of the Act 13 money for the ball fields on Charleston Street. The pine trees would be replaced around the turnaround and also plant trees in other areas of the field. They will know more tomorrow.

Still haven't heard from Shawn at Penn Wells on planting plan.

Spring Planting orders will need to be placed in January or February.

The minutes were respectfully written by *Teresa Marshall*
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