

WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION

AUGUST 20, 2012

MINUTES

The Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission met in the Council Room of the John E Dugan Fire Station/Municipal Building at 7:00 pm on August 20, 2012. Howard Rutledge presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Shade Tree Commission members: Howard Rutledge, Peter Herres and Scott Nichols. Absent were Vicki Fox and Bob McCarthy. Also present was Borough Manager: Daniel Strausser. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

MINUTES: The minutes from May 21, 2012 were approved as written. Peter Herres made a motion to accept and Scott Nichols 2nd.

COMMUNITY FORESTRY WORKSHOP: The workshop will be held on August 24, 2012 in the Grand Community Room at the Dean Center on Main Street. Native Bagel will be hosting the lunch and Pete will look into having them provide something for the morning when people come in. Pete will be giving a walking tour around town showing what we have done with our program in town. He will also be going over the 50% rule for shade tree planting. One of the new planting plans will be the Penn Wells Lodge plan. The Community Forestry Association will provide the cost of the building and the lunch. Parking will be at the Laurel Health parking lot on Water Street.

TREE PRUNING: Wellsboro Electric Company provided about 95% of the pruning job with Dincher and Dincher. Some of the areas pruned were Water Street and Central Ave. The garbage crew would like to see King Street pruned and we also need to look at Pearl Street. WECO will also be pruning Park Place. There is one tree on Bacon Street that needs to be removed.

COMPLAINT ON WEST AVE SIGHT DISTANCE: There was a request from Regina Williamee to look into pruning back the trees on the corner of West Avenue and Eberenz Street. This is due to the difficulty in seeing cars and adults or children coming down or up the street. There is no sidewalk in that location. Dan Strausser is looking into what the right of way is in the area. The Commission referred the complaint back to the Borough to handle. There are other areas in town with the same problem that were discussed at the meeting.

BARE ROOT FALL PLANTING: Peter brought up to the Commission is they wanted to do a fall planting if there were grant monies available. After some discussion it was tabled until Pete found out it there was money available. There is concern about the dry conditions.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Scott Nichols made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm and Peter Herres 2nd. Meeting adjourned.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by *Teresa Marshall*
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