

WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

The Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission met on September 10, 2024 in the council room of the Wellsboro Municipal Building. All who were present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Members present were Tyler Upham, Scott Nichols, and Brian Kennedy. Also present: Borough Manager, Louis Rachiele.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES FROM AUGUST 13, 2024: Tyler Upham made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Brian Kennedy seconded. Motion passed.

TREE INVENTORY: Contract for Ethan West to conduct the tree inventory on behalf of the Shade Tree Commission is complete. Brian will take to contract to Ethan before the next meeting.

FALL TREE PLANTING: Planting plan of 10 trees was submitted to Tree Pennsylvania and we await for word on tree availability and delivery date.

HAZARDOUS TREE REMOVAL: Hugh Hawkins at 59 Pearl Street had made a request to get a sugar maple removed between his property and 57 Pearl. We approved it in a short turnaround timeframe to accommodate the schedule of Michael White, who was scheduled to be there to trim silver maples in Hugh's front yard. The bill for removal and stump grinding was \$700, making the reimbursement to be paid to Mr. Hawkins \$350.

Don Knaus, Nichols St., has sent a letter requesting the Borough remove "their" tree (dead ornamental cherry) in front of his house. He has been instructed to complete a work permit form. Since the other cherry trees with knotweed were removed by the Borough years ago, it is suspected there will be some disagreement about who should be responsible for removal. After discussion, it was decided to let Knaus be responsible for cutting the tree and the Borough will remove the debris.

Since there is still a remaining Shade Tree balance, Tyler Upham made a motion to get a price from Tree Master to remove a tree on Main St. (Sophora Japonica) that is in the greatest state of decline. Seconded by Brian Kennedy. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at the motion of Tyler Upham and second of Brian Kennedy.