

WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

MINUTES

The meeting of the Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission was called to order by Scott Nichols in the council room of the Wellsboro Municipal Building at 8:30 am on September 11, 2023. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

ROLL CALL: Members of the Shade Tre Commission are Scott Nichols, Brian Kennedy, Tim Morey and Tyler Upham. Also present were Borough Manager Louis Rachiele and water & sewer clerk Teresa Marshall.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES FROM AUGUST 14, 2023: Tim Morey made the motion to accept the minutes from August 14, 2023 and Brian Kennedy 2nd. Approved

UPDATE ON RAIL CONNECTION PLAN: Brian Kennedy reached out to the county on the tree by Pinnacle Towers to be saved.

FALL PLANTING: Waiting on confirmation on when trees will be delivered. There is one for Woodland Ave, one for Trinity Lutheran Church and sixteen for Pearl Street to replace the trees that were removed.

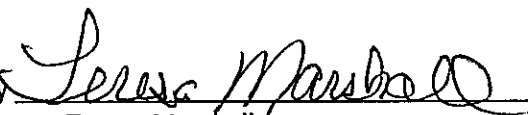
PEARL STREET CANOPY: We had a concerned citizen that complained about the branches out in the street. There was discussion on trimming of trees in the right of way. Should we be doing the trimming or the home owner. Tim Morey suggested that a contractor trim trees and have him identify the ones in need of trimming. We would also contact the home owner first. May need to look at long term and ask for increase in budget from council. There was a suggestion to contact state college by Scott Nichols because they had an arborist on contract there. After some discussion, Tim Morey made the motion to take care of trees in right of way if reasonable costs and Tyler Upham 2nd.

HAZARDOUS TREE REMOVAL: Catholic Church has three trees that they will be requesting to remove with one a major priority that is dead in the center. Paperwork has not been submitted yet. Jamie Eckart at 11 Austin Street wants to take down Norway maple due to site issues. Will not be eligible for hazardous tree removal. Tim Morey asked if something else could be planted in its place. Tim Morey made motion to approve the removal and Tyler Upham 2nd. There was an update on the question if the owner took a tree down in front of the old Independent Bible Church. Borough Manager Lou Rachiele did not see any evidence that a tree was there.

Tim Morey asked for guidance on the work for the youth to inventory Norway Maples throughout the borough for a fall or spring project.

ORDINANCE REVIEW: The members will take home a copy of the ordinance and give recommendations in the next meeting. Tim Morey also suggested we compare the ordinance with other towns.

ADOURN: Tyler Upham made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Tim Morey 2nd. Meetings was adjourned at 9:25 am.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by 
Teresa Marshall