

WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

The Shade Tree Commission meeting was called to order on September 8, 2014 in the Council Room by Chairman Howard Rutledge. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

ATTENDANCE: Shade Tree Members: Howard Rutledge, Peter Herres & Scott Nichols. Borough Manager Daniel Strausser and Water & Sewer Clerk Teresa Marshall. Visitors present were Mark Foust, Don Bravo & Preston Prough.

MINUTES: A motion to accept the minutes from August 11, 2014 was made by Peter Herres and Scott Nichols 2nd. Passed.

WELLSBORO VET CLUB: Mark Foust gave a copy of the proposed planting plan for the Committee to review. After review Peter Herres made a motion to accept contingent upon receiving the lists of number and species of trees to be planted. Scott Nichols 2nd. Passed

LEWISBURG TRIP: The main discussion was the emerald ash borer. They do have a problem there with 80% of trees in parks being ash. Daniel Strausser reported that the bids for the removal of ash trees at Hamilton Lake will be in today.

GRANT PROGRAM: Scott Nichols made a motion to complete the application to receive trees in the fall and to find places to plant the trees. Peter Herres 2nd. Passed.

DEANE CENTER: The three benches should be ordered soon. We can plant three trees there this fall. There are no line conflicts so larger trees can be planted. Kentucky Coffee tree and Swamp White Oak were suggested species.

EMERALD ASH BORER: Pete will try and send e-mails to the two interns that worked with Kendra McMullen to get a copy of the Management Plan.

STUMP REMOVAL: They have some potential sites. Peter Herres and Howard Rutledge will do a drive around the town to see if there may be more.

TREES FOR REMOVAL: The trees in front of the Arcadia Theater and Dunhams Store are in decline. The trees will be reviewed for removal and to replant next spring.

Borough Manager Daniel Strausser reported that Bob Sher will be giving him a map showing the layout of trees in the Tops parking lot.

FALL PRUNING: There has been money allocated for pruning. Pete has asked Jeff Rice to give him a list of high priority areas for pruning. The trees on Bacon Street need to be limbed up so they will grow upwards instead of out. The tree at Owlett & Lewis has been pruned to allow for signage to be seen.

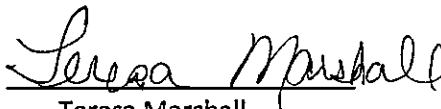
OTHER BUSINESS: Daniel Strausser reported the Hanover Engineering is doing a GPS survey of all signage in the Borough. Signs will be to be replaced with new ones by 2018 to be in compliance with the new federal laws. It will be decided then if signs can be moved or removed completely.

A gas company truck ripped off two limbs from ash trees on East Avenue.

There is consideration of removing the ash trees at Packer Park. Peter will know more after the Parks and Recreation Meeting.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Scott Nichols and 2nd by Peter Herres to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 am. Meeting adjourned.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by



Teresa Marshall
Water & Sewer Clerk