

WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION

MINUTES

MARCH 21, 2011

The meeting of the Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission was called to order by, Chairman Howard Rutledge, in the Council Room of the John E Dugan Fire Station/Municipal Building on March 21, 2011.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

ROLL CALL: Those present were Howard Rutledge, Pete Herres, Vick Fox and Scott Nichols. Absent was Robert McCarthy Jr.

COMMENT PERIOD: There were none made.

MINUTES: The minutes from January 17, 2011 were approved as written. Peter Herres made the motion and Scott Nichols 2nd. Passed

PERMITS; There were two permits submitted for the records. They were Trinity Lutheran Church to have a maple removed from 53 West Avenue and Lucinda Brown at 4 Hastings Street to have a maple removed. WECO removed the tree at 4 Hastings Street.

Bob Davis will also be applying for another permit for two tree removals at Norris and Pearl Streets. The property is owned by Michael Knighton. During the spring planting, these two trees will be replaced by Freeman Maples. This will help finish the block for tree plantings.

MAIN STREET AND PUBLIC PARKING LOTS: Pete reported that Bernie Dincher and his crew spent 2 ½ days pruning trees on Main Street and the two parking lots located at Water Street and Pearl Street. This year they used a bucket truck to trim up the Sophoras on Main Street. They did a nice job on cleaning out the interiors of the trees and getting them away from the buildings. They had coordinated with the Police Department for traffic control. The Police had closed off part of Main Street with signs and as the crew finished the block the parking spaces were opened back up. The price was not bad to prune all of the trees.

TREE ORDER: The tree order has been placed. They have twenty-five trees ordered. Howard and Peter went around town and had identified potentially sixty different spots. There will be eight Freeman Maples being planted in front of the old Borden Milk Plant on the embankment. They may have to move a few of them depending on the utilities and also they will probably be hand dug. The trees should be here the third week of April.

ARBOR DAY: Arbor Day will be celebrated on Arbor Day this year. We haven't decided on the location yet but will decide by the next meeting. A group of students will be asked to assist.

HAZARDOUS TREE: Annette Cleary from 14 McInroy Street asked the Commission to look at a tree located on 16 McInroy Street's yard. This tree has a lot of deadwood in it and has been dropping limbs down on their property. After some discussion it was decided that a letter be written to the property owner, Stan & Linda Graver asking them to deadwood the tree or have it removed for safety. There are a lot of service lines around the tree so the tree would probably have to come down in pieces. Scott Nichols made the motion to send the letter and Vicki Fox 2nd.

EASTERN TENT CATAPILLAR: Pete hasn't received a report from Matt Sampson yet. There was an article in the paper though. There weren't enough new egg nests to warrant having to spray. The difference between the new and old egg sacks is that the new sacks are shiny and the old sacks are dull. Matt tested 6 -7 trees. Some of the locations were the Green, in front of the hospital and Main Street.

OTHER BUSINESS: Pete reported that Sam Cook was retiring from the Forestry Department. Steve Hoover will be replacing him. He has been with the Forestry Department for approximately fifteen years mainly with Timber Sales Management. Steve has called Pete and is willing to stop in and talk with the Commission sometime. He also hands out awards for Tree City USA.

Walt Colton has approached Pete asking if there was going to be a stump removal program this year. He had taken out 20 - 30 Spruce trees on his property. Scott had commented that they were getting pretty shabby. Walt wants to have them ground out versus having them pulled out by a backhoe. Vicki had asked if we went out of the right of way to grind stumps and Pete responded that we have done it in the past. Howard suggested that we have a fall stump removal program if there is enough interest. There needs to be enough stumps to grind out to keep the crew busy for at least eight hours. A motion was made by Scott Nichols to have a fall stump removal program and Vicki 2nd.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned. Vicki Fox made the motion and Pete Herres 2nd.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Teresa Marshall.



SPRING TREE PLANTING 2011

NAME	ADDRESS	QUANTITY	TREE
Richard Black	140 Main Street	One	Maple - Blaze
William Knighton	11 Norris Street	Two	Maples - Blaze
S & S Hospital	Walnut Side	Four	Maples- Red Sunset
Charles Jacobson	61 Walnut Street	Three	Snow
Jennifer Davis	11 Walnut St	One	Maple - Blaze
Ambulance Association	21 Pearl Street	One	Snow
Craig Devenport	81 East Ave	One	Maple - Armstrong
Community Support	46 Waln Street	One	Maple - Blaze
Park Hill Manor	Waln Street side	Four	Snow
Park Hill Manor	Grant & Waln - Waln St side	Two	Maples - Blaze
Laurel Health	68 Waln Street	One	Maple - Blaze
Borough fo Wellsboro	Bryden Street -across reservoir	Three	Maples - Blaze

