

# WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION

## MINUTES

APRIL 18,2011

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. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

ROLL CALL: Those present were Howard Rutledge, Peter Herres and Scott Nichols. Absent were Vicki Fox and Robert McCarthy Jr.

MINUTES: The minutes from March 21, 2011 were approved as written. Peter Herres made the motion to accept and Scott Nichols 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed.

SPRING TREE PLANTING: The trees will be coming in on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April and will be planted on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April. Pete has contacted the school to have some of the students help with the planting. Pa One Calls will be made on Tuesday, April 19, 2011. The truck has been reserved and Howard and Pete will pick the trees up in Mansfield around 7:00 am. The meeting place on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April will be Packer Park around 8:30 am. This year we will be combining the tree planting with Arbor Day. Twenty-four of the trees will be planted and then the 25<sup>th</sup> tree will be used for the Arbor Day Celebration. The location of the planting will be at Dr Richard Black's home at 140 Main Street.

We will not be planting at the old Eagle Family Food building on East Avenue. Pa DOT has surveying going on in that location and there are several underground utilities present. The gas lines have already been marked.

PERMITS: The Shade Tree Commission has issued a permit for the locations of the Spring Tree Planting. William Knighton located at 11 Norris Lane has taken two trees down because they are dying. Both permits were entered into record. The motion was made by Peter Herres to accept and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Nichols.

STAN GRAVER LETTER: A copy of the letter sent to Mr. Graver was included in the packet. The letter identified a hazardous tree on his property at 16 McInroy Street. The tree was not in the right of way but was deemed hazardous to the public and to the daycare next door. Pete met with Mr. Graver. The tree is out of our jurisdiction and Mr. Graver stated that he may consider deadwooding the tree but he wasn't going to take the tree down. We may want to take a look at the Shade Tree Ordinance, as it is outdated. A copy of the ordinance is on the Parks and recreation website.

OTHER BUSINESS: Pete has looked at other communities ordering the bare root program. Most of the communities are ordering 10 – 25 trees. Williamsport has ordered over 30 trees and the Borough of German has ordered 70 – 80 trees.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned.

The minutes were respectfully prepared by Teresa Marshall