

WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 19, 2011

MINUTES

The meeting of the Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission was called to order at 7:00 pm by Howard Rutledge, Chairman, in the Council Room of the John E Dugan Fire Station/Municipal Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

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

MINUTES: The minutes from June 20, 2011 were approved as written. Pete Herres made the motion to accept and Scott Nichols 2nd. Passed.

COMMENT PERIOD: There were none given.

PERMITS: There were three: Thomas Slichter – 10 Homer Street – planted two apple trees along Antrim Street.

Mark Warner: 142 Main Street – remove maple tree and stump – hazardous tree
Wellsboro Motel Co. 4 Main Street – remove 8 locust trees and 2 Blue Spruce due to construction.

The permits were accepted into record.

FALL TREE PLANTING: Pete reported that we were eligible for the fall planting project again. The last two years we were able to have a grant to pay for the trees but that is not available this year. The trees that have been planted in the fall planting haven't done as well as the trees that were planted in the Spring. It may be that they are being dug up before they are completely dormant. A motion was made by Scott Nichols to not do a fall planting this year. Vicki Fox 2nd. Passed.

STUMP REMOVAL PROGRAM: There are not that many stumps out there now. We have had a good response in the past removal program and a lot of the owners are having the stump ground out when the tree is taken down. There is one on Bernie Makos's property on Eberenz Street, 2 in the park and another at Warner's on Main Street.

HAZARDOUS TREES: There are three trees on Central Avenue past St Peter's Church and Sturrock Street. The trees have lost their leaves since August. There is also a maple tree on Waln Street near the group home. All of the properties are owned by Laurel Realty. Vicki also commented that there was a hazardous tree on Meade Street at the former Reith property. Pete looked at what was left in the budget. A call will be made to the property owners to see if they want to participate in the 50/50 program to have the

trees taken down. The one maple tree on Central Ave is large and will cost more to take down and they will probably have to limb it down to get the tree down. The tree on Tom Warriner's property on Purple Street was taken down by WECO. There is a tree still on Dr Black's property and Dr. Bair's property that should be taken down. There was also another one near the entrance of the cemetery that is showing signs of decline in the center of the tree. A motion was made to contact them and then get estimates. Vicki made the motion and Scott 2nd.

A motion was made by Scott to adjourn the meeting and 2nd by Vicki.