

WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION

MINUTES

MAY 12, 2025

The Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission meeting was called to order by Scott Nichols in the council room of the Wellsboro Municipal Building at 8:32 am on May 12, 2025. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all who attended.

ROLL CALL: Members present were Scott Nichols, Brian Kennedy and Tyler Upham. Also present were Borough Manager Louis Rachiele, Brett Menege and Teresa Marshall.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES FROM APRIL 14, 2025: Tyler Upham made the motion to accept the minutes with spelling correction mentioned by Scott Nichols. Brian Kennedy 2nd. Passed.

SPRING PLANTING MATCH: Brian Kennedy presented a matching contribution sheet for the spring tree planting for 2025. He will enter the trees planted in the Tree Keeper Program and send in the final report.

ARBOR DAY OBSERVANCE: Lou Rachiele reported that Brett Menege and Dale Kinneer did most of the prep work for planting the tree, the mayor spoke and pictures were taken and have been put into the paper. The owners were pleased with what was planted.

CALLERY PEAR REMOVAL UPDATE: Brett Menege reported that Mike White took about 2 to 2 1/2 days to remove 33 trees. They will be grinding out the stumps also, Platinum Tree Services had also been notified if they wanted to take some of the Pears down but they declined so Dincher and Dincher will be taking the other 1/2 down. Home owners did have door knocker put on their doors to notify them what was being done. Had one owner on West Ave that was unhappy that they used his driveway to remove one of the trees. Tyler Upham asked if one of the residents on Grant Street be notified before stump removal so that they can remove what was put around the tree before the grinder comes through.

WELLSBORO CANOPY GRANT PROGRESS: Mike White will be charging \$125.00 per tree to do evaluation. The trees have been marked with green ribbons. There are about 20 trees to be evaluated and we have a possibility of eight more if the commission knew of any other trees that would qualify.

SHADE TREE BUDGET: The budget amount left for the year is \$8,225.81. A short discussion was made about purchasing a grinder that is still pending.

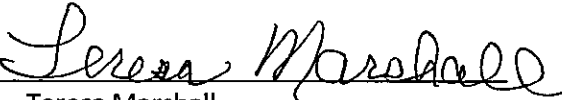
VISIT WITH VINCENT CONTRONE AND EMILY SHOSH: It was good to have them up here to walk around and give their input on trees and what they could plant and different species to blend in on Main Street. They also suggested a gravel mix to force the roots of trees downward instead of out to keep the sidewalk blocks from raising up. Scott Nichols also mentioned the use of metal barriers like in front of the old Bowers building. They also talked with a resident from Austin Street on their tree. It was suggested that Vinny do an educational seminar for the public.

HAZARDOUS TREE PERMITS: A permit application from Gale Largey on McInroy Street was submitted for a removal of a Norway Maple was granted.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lou Rachiele asked about the DCNR Grant and how it was handled on payments. Brian Kennedy has already asked for a \$25,000.00 drawdown and will request another later.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Tyler Upham to adjourn the meeting and was 2nd by Brian Kennedy. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 am.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by


Teresa Marshall