

Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2026

Shade Tree Commission Chair Scott Nichols called the regular meeting of the Shade Tree Commission to order at 8:31am in the Council Meeting Room of the Borough Office located at 14 Crafton Street, Wellsboro PA. The pledge of allegiance was recited by all.

Attending were Commission Members Scott Nichols, Brian Kennedy, Tim Morey and Brett Menege. Also in attendance were Borough Manager Louis Rachiele and Secretary/Treasurer Amy Kane Perry.

Brian Kennedy made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the May 11, 2026 meeting. The motion was seconded by Tim Morey and carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items – None

Agenda Items

1. Fall Planting

- a. Approximately 16-20 trees will be planted this fall. Plans will need to be started for placement. There will be no Canopy Grant planting in the fall.

2. Tree Maintenance

- a. Brian Kennedy will be sending letters to residents on Main/West Avenue that have trees in need of maintenance.
- b. Parks & Recreation is currently watering 78 trees from recent plantings. Tree bags have made watering much easier; they have discussed getting a secondary tank so the task can be completed quicker. Clearance pruning was completed last year but new growth has been significant. Crew will focus on clearance trimming to ensure safe passage of pedestrians and vehicles.
- c. Brian Kennedy made a motion to approve the quote for tree trimming on Pearl Street from Tree Masters (Mike White) in the amount of \$300. The motion was seconded by Tim Morey and carried.

3. DCNR Canopy Grant

- a. This fall grant funds will be used for pruning and high-risk tree removal. High-risk trees will be flagged for removal. There will be a planting in the Spring.

4. Historic Elm

- a. A large portion of the tree was sent to Williamsport and once dried will be repurposed into items to be returned to the County. Jake West was also given a section to build a memorial bench honoring the tree. Replanting will take place in the Fall. Dincher would like to donate the replacement tree. The type of tree planted will be determined once the results for Elm Yellows come back from Penn State.

5. 2 Open Tree Spots – Main Street

- a. Trees will be planted in the two open spots on Main Street before Laurel Festival next week. A Sephora will be planted by the movie theater and an Elm in front of the church.

6. Clearance Pruning – Pearl Street

- a. See agenda item 2 section c

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7. Hazard Tree Request

- a. No requests received this month.
- b. A plan needs to be made for the Sephora trees on Main Street to determine which trees need trimmed and which need removed. The replacement trees that are currently at Meade Street will need to be moved before they get to big and are hard to relocate.

Adjourn – Tim Morey made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Brett Mengee and carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:52am. The next Shade Tree Commission Meeting will be held on July 13th, 2026 at 8:30am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by


Secretary/Treasurer