

Village of Victor Tree Board Meeting Notes of

7/15/15

Attendees: Judy McMillan, Bill Bross, Bob Haggett, Larry Rhodes, Andy Pleninger and Gene Pratt

Discussion:

- 1. The majority of this meeting was spent doing a visual tour of the village focusing on possible “tree projects”. Andy led us in the discussion as we toured and he pointed out various possibilities as to where we might endorse urban forest model projects. In addition, various areas were discussed that would better be suited for a suburban forest model. Areas/streets discussed were as follows:**
 - a. School Street – From the village line to Main Street would serve as a good tree planting project.**
 - b. Rothbury Circle – Several home owners have planted trees in the tree lawn with poor placement and selection.**
 - c. Walling and Wadsworth Street Neighborhood – The area has open sites and would be a good candidate for a street tree program.**
 - d. West Parkway and Ambassador Drive Neighborhoods – Due to the neighborhood layout it is recommended to support a suburban design in these areas. The street trees in these areas would be inventoried however.**
 - e. Meade Park, Harlan Fisher Park and Victor Municipal Park – The primary discussion was regarding the inventory of**

trees in Victor Municipal Park especially with the large number of ash trees.

2. The group also visited the sites where trees are scheduled to be removed in order to allow the tree board members to better understand the assessment process and tools that Andy uses in determining the health of a tree. From this process the determination is made regarding pruning or removal. We visited the trees located at 80/81 Coville St. which are scheduled for removal. This was very informative.
3. New York State Urban Forestry Council Meeting in Syracuse – Bill Bross will be attending on Friday, 7/17. *Bill will share his learnings at our next meeting.*
4. Tree Inventory Project – The board endorsed expenditures and activities for Andy to begin the inventory process for the 3.11 miles of street trees identified in earlier meeting. The expenditures will cover software expense as well as the labor involved in the assessment. In an earlier meeting the inventory of the village park trees was discussed as a possible project for FLCC intern students and coordinated by Rochelle Smith. *Gene to contact Rochelle to discuss.*
5. PR and Community Awareness – We discussed opportunities to create awareness of the Tree Board and the initiatives that we are endorsing. Hang Around Victor Day (Sept 12) would be an excellent opportunity for our group to interface with the public. Gene spoke with Mitch Donovan, President of the Victor Chamber of Commerce, regarding our interest in participating. The cost of a table is \$30 for non-profits and would be located in the area of Meade Park. This seems like an excellent opportunity

but would require group participation and work before-hand to accomplish. With that said, I have a commitment in Canada that day so I can't be there but will help in the up front work. We'll discuss at our next meeting.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, August 11 @ 7PM at the
Village Hall Note the day change