

Tree Board Meeting Notes of 2/10/20

Attendees: R. Quinnan, J. Galiley, R. Muscarella, B. Haggett, R. Nellis, C. Luley, L. Beckinghausen, B. Bross and G. Pratt

Discussion:

1. Village Tree Ordinance Update – Regina reviewed the updates for sections 46.6-a, 46-9.2 and 46-11 a,b&c. that were discussed at the December meeting. Some slight revisions were made and the updated ordinance has been forwarded to Pam Hogenes for Village Board approval. The changes will have to be approved by Albany before the new ordinance becomes law. It will take approximately 2 months for the approval to take place.
2. Gullace Project Landscape Review – The group reviewed the latest set of plans as well as the written response regarding prior findings and recommendations from the Tree Board. Gene will author another note for submission to the Village Planning Board that will include the following points:
 - a. Village arborist recommends the selection of Norway spruce in place of white spruce.
 - b. Proper spacing of conifers along south boundary should be shown(15ft).
 - c. The plan does not show a sufficient barrier along the south boundary for privacy purposes.
 - d. Although the length of tree guarantee stated in the ordinance is one year, the Tree Board is recommending a minimum of 2 years.
 - e. Mulching as a means of providing tree protection for zero turn mowers and string trimmers is not sufficient.

- f. The tree protection plan for the remaining trees is insufficient. It does not meet ANSI standard A300 part 5 specs for tree protection during construction.
3. Letter to East Parkway Residents – Ruth reviewed the proposed note that is intended to educate the residents regarding the do's and don'ts of public trees. Following discussion, a tri-fold pamphlet will be generated discussing the value of trees, their care and the do's and don'ts of residents regarding the trees. LeiAnna, Regina and Josh will develop the tri-fold for review at the next meeting. Gene and Ruth will identify the right-of-way distance for East Parkway. When this is complete a mailing will be sent to each household on East Parkway.
4. Tree City USA – Both the Tree City USA and the Growth Award applications are in the review process. Gene will check on status.
5. Arbor Day 2020 – The date and time is Saturday, April 18 at 10AM. Discussion included the following:
 - a. Arrangements for parking and the tent location will be investigated by Gene.
 - b. The banner will be procured by Regina.
 - c. Notifications
 - i. High School – Regina
 - ii. Victor Hiking Trails – Bob
 - iii. Cub Scouts – Bill
 - iv. Messenger Article – TBD
 - d. Tree Order – The tree order for Rawson Rd has been submitted

6. Additional Tree Order – An additional order will be submitted for those circumstances where trees have died, been damaged or removed. They include the following:
 - a. Main Street removals
 - b. Tree request at 14 Ambassador
 - c. Sapienza resident on Church Street – Buck rub
 - d. Municipal Park – deer damage

A time will be set up by Gene to review the above items and determine tree selection. Notice will be sent to Tree Board members for their participation.

7. Victor Voice Article – Rose will author an article discussing our 2020 Arbor Day plans and invasive species (EAB and spotted lanternfly). Bob will provide information regarding bugs to Rose. The deadline for submission is Feb 24.
8. Management Plan Action Item Review and Status Update
 - a. Tree Ordinance (1a) – In-process for approval and adoption.
 - b. Tree Board Policies(2a) – Gene will assemble the various procedures and policies the we have generated for review at the next meeting.
 - c. Arbor Day (4a) – LeiAnna and Bill will generate document and put in dropbox.
 - d. Arbor Day (4b) – complete
 - e. Tree Inventory (6a) – complete
 - f. Tree Inventrory (6b) – See Item #9 in notes
 - g. Tree planting (9a&b) – complete
9. Tree Inventory – Chris is recommending that we investigate changing our inventory from Uforian to a GIS based layered system that would be integrated with a system that is currently

utilized by the village for it's utility systems, roads, etc. The Uforian system will not be available for use in the future. Gene will set up a meeting with John Turner, Chris, Josh, LeiAnna and Bob to discuss and develop a proposal.