

Tree Board Meeting Notes – 12/14/20

Attendees: R. Nellis, R. Muscarella, B. Bross, B. Haggett, L. Beckinghausen, J. Galiley, J. Turner, M. Chalupa & G. Pratt

Discussion:

1. Fiscal Budget – The ytd expenditures for fiscal year 2020/21 are \$496 versus a budget of \$33951. There will be additional expenditures associated with the tree inventory transition, purchase of a handheld GPS tool, pruning and tree removal, DPW labor and any tree purchases that are invoiced and paid in the current year. The budget balance from this year's budget will be encumbered and become our budget for the 2021/22 fiscal year. This should be sufficient for our plans in the coming fiscal year.
2. Bucket Truck – The truck is expected to arrive this week from South Carolina. The training of the village and town employees in the use of the truck will take place this coming summer. The late training is due to Covid impact. The plan is to fully utilize the truck for removal and pruning in the Fall of 2021.
3. Near-Term Pruning and Removal – Trimming will take place over the next two weeks to address street and sidewalk clearances. The trees designated for removal in Harlan-Fisher Park will require tree climbers due to the

softness of the ground. The trees next to the Nellis property will be addressed at the same time as the park trees. Action Item – Josh to provide names of resources that can do the “climbing removal” to John Turner.

4. Walk-Around Tree Assessment – There is a need to do another walking assessment of the village and park trees in the near term. This will be done to identify any tree issues and serve as the basis for a spring tree order. Action Item: Gene to set up a date/time for assessment in early January. Tree board members will be invited along with Josh and John.
5. Tree Inventory Transition – Dan Allen of MRB has received the excel file download from Uforian and provided an updated GIS platform for the village that shows the tree locations for our viewing. Viewing this information requires software downloads to the host computer(s). We will seek support for accomplishing this. Action Item: Gene to set up meeting with Dan Allen of MRB in early January to review the GIS system. Attendees will include Dan Allen, John, Bob, LeiAnna and Gene.
6. Tree Related Work Form – A form will be needed to identify any tree related work that is done directly by the DPW or subcontracted to others. This form will include GPS coordinates for the tree location. Action Items: John to develop form and also order a handheld GPS tool.

7. Tree City USA – The application for Tree City USA certification for 2020 has been approved by Gary Hadden and submitted for approval. The application for the Growth Award for 2019 was declined. If interested in the details of the declination contact Gene.