

VOP Tree Board
Minutes
May 23, 2017

Present: Matt Jensen, Village Administrator, Robin Redding, Lori Schofield, Dan Zerbe, Eleanor Jacobs

The group reviewed the Tree Request spreadsheet. A "When Planted" section will be added.

The village received a call from James Stollo's wife. A limb from a terrace tree at 137 S. Main fell and damaged the Stollo's garage. The family requested it be removed (as well as coverage for some costs incurred). DPW assessed the tree and said it was not compromised, thus the village would not remove the tree or pay for any damages. Tree board members will look at the tree. According to the tree law, the board can initiate a request for a tree to be removed. The family also requested that a tree closer to their driveway be removed.

(At the meeting I provided the wrong information on this request, telling you it was from a family on Buckland. I will follow up with a photo from 137 S. Main and send it to you. If you're in the 137 S. Main area, please look at the trees in question. My miscommunication did prompt some committee members to assess the trees on the east side of the Village Park. What to do about park trees will be discussed and decisions made at the July 17 meeting.)

Questions to ask Andrew Lowery, DPW representative to the Tree Board:

- Should replacement trees be planted now?
- Solutions to watering trees when planted. Have him research tree watering bags, as used in Batavia.
- Village nursery concept.

Dan reported that Letchworth Family Medicine may wish to plant three trees along Walnut in recognition of changes to the medical group. He will fill out a tree planting form.

The board discussed the creation of a village nursery. Factors to consider: location, protocol to inventory trees in storage and tree maintenance.

The board decided to organize a poster contest to engage elementary school students in the village's tree program. The tentative plan is to kick off the contest in the fall with a Dec. 1 deadline. Tentative theme: Perry's Terrific Trees. There was some discussion of awards and recognitions for winners and also creating bookmarks from the posters.

David Orban at 69 Lake St. (corner of Federal and Lake) returned a tree replacement form. He requests the removal of what he called a Boxelder on Lake St. and the planting of two "saucer magnolias" on Lake. He doesn't want a tree replaced on Federal St. Under consideration. (Steve looked at the tree on Lake and didn't think it was a Boxelder. See Robin's email from 5-30-17 about her conversation with David Orban.)

Action items:

- * Contact Kristin Adolf, elementary art teacher, to develop plan for tree poster contest

- * Assess David Orban request. Board members looked at the Lake St. tree and shared information via email. Next step: Talk to DPW to see if and when trees can be removed.
- * Assess trees along the east side of the village park and share information via email. (Robin and Dan have done this. See your email)
- * Fill out Arbor Day Tree City USA documents.
- * Revise Tree Replanting Request spreadsheet.
- * Assess trees at 137 S. Main.
- * Have Ed/DPW assess trees at 32 Spring St.
- * Read revised Standards and Specifications document that Dan emailed.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 11, 7 PM

Submitted by,
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