

Tree Board Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2021

Present: Dan Zerbe, Felisa McKay, Robin Redding, Eleanor Jacobs, Dr. Fields, Steve Deaton, Karen Wyant

Follow up:

- Summer care of new plantings went well. Big thank you to the village employees that kept up with the watering of them.
- Ash borer: It would cost approximately \$100 every 2 years to treat a tree and the success rate is not great.
- School Program: An email will be sent to the Principal in January regarding the K-5th grade poem writing.
- Next year's tree planting will target the village park, especially the pond area.
- Vest and keys: Steve made more keys for the shed. Extra vests are in the shed if you need one.
- Work Days: We are open to suggestions of when to have work days. It was discussed to keep the 1st Saturday of the month but also have a "To Do" list communicated. This way people can be flexible of when they can help out and know what to do.
- Arbor Day: we would be interested in a "pest" seminar.

Other business:

-Field trip to Draves Arboreum <https://www.dravesarboretum.org/>. This is located in Darien. Dan will notify us when there is an interesting class in the spring or summer.

-Grant application: It was suggested to use the Village Grant writer because grant writing is so involved and time consuming.

-Tree City USA Application: Ernie Lawrence has offered to do this and Eleanor has offered to help Ernie in the process.

-Tree concerns: 2 trees by the Village pond have not come back. It was agreed to remove them. 2 Magnolia trees on corner of Lake and Federal Streets are very bushy so can we trim them? Dan will check into the variety and determine if we can.

-Cornell Cooperative Extension is creating a Tree Steward Curriculum for the Wyoming/Allegany area. They would like a volunteer to review the curriculum and materials. This review process needs to be done by November 30th. Dan is willing to do it.

-The Village does not keep track of tree plantings. It only tracks tree removal. It was discussed if we have access to a program from our inventory to keep track of tree inventory and updating it. Eleanor said that she would check into it.

-Steve will look into buying 10-10-10 fertilizer in bulk (2-3 bags). When fertilizing we should use 1 scant cup per inch diameter.

Dates:

1st Saturday in November, the 6th, we will flag fall plantings.

Our next Tree Board Meeting will be Thursday, January 6th @ 7 p.m.