

# Tree Board Minutes

January 13, 2022

Present: Dan Zerbe, Robin Redding, Eleanor Jacobs, Dr. Field, Steve Deaton, James Reynolds, Karen Wyant

Follow up:

- Thank you to Ernie Lawrence for completing the Tree City USA application.

- Fall/Spring Planting update: Property owner on North Main asked that the 3 trees planted by their property be removed.

- Steve is going to make a table top for the tree stumps by the village pond.

- (3) Japanese Liliacs were added to the list to be planted at the park entrance.

- Dan created and distributed an annual checklist for tree care to guide volunteers when they work on their tree section.

- The Jane Magnolias located on the corner of Lake Street that look like they are need of trimming should not be trimmed at this point. It could harm them due to their age.

- Poe Tree Contest: Prompts will be given to the school at the beginning of February. Hopefully entries will be returned by the end of March. Winners will be presented at the Arbor Day event.

Arbor Day event will be scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Other business:

A second letter of confirmation to plan to plant a tree that will be sent to property owners was approved. Letters are sent by the Clerk's office. It was then discussed as to how do we inform people about the importance of trees. Eleanor offered to write an informative article. Ideas were discussed about putting the article in the penny saver and attaching it to the letter of confirmation.

An idea was presented about the adding the types of trees to the map within our section. Dan and James offered to try to do it.

Our budget is \$20,000. Tree removals consume a large portion of our budget. Several trees have been removed (at park entrance, by the pond, and Andrus Street). A very large walnut tree on Borden Avenue is scheduled to be removed due to safety.

It was suggested that we add our meeting minutes to the Village website. Another suggestion was to ask for volunteers on work days on our Facebook page.

### **Dates:**

Next Board meeting will be April 6<sup>th</sup> at the conference room located in Jame's office.

Our next work day will be February 5<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

Arbor Day event will be June 4th