

VOP Tree Advisory Board
Minutes
Nov. 15, 2016

Present: Levi Hauser, Felisa McKay, Robin Redding, Lori Schofield, Dan Zerbe, Henry Woitscheck, Eleanor Jacobs

In recognition of the Tree Advisory Board's one-year anniversary, the group discussed future priorities. They include:

- Passage of the tree law
- Develop Standards and Specifications
- Develop a Master Plan
- Secure the NYS Urban Forestry Grant
- Develop a public outreach program
- Plan a program that involves school children
- Add links to tree descriptions on the website
- Update the pamphlet

The group reviewed the tree law. Under Dan's guidance changes were made to the Landmark Tree description. Elsewhere language was changed slightly to give the tree board more authority and to ensure DPW accountability. The draft law will be given to Village board members at its Nov. 21, 2016, meeting.

The group discussed the tree replanting form based on a meeting Eleanor had with Ed Koziel, Village Administrator Terry Murphy and office staff. Lori will redo the image at the top of the form to eliminate shrub. It will be renamed Tree Replacement Request Form to distinguish it from the Tree Planting Request Form. The Property owner planting, at own expense, will include some verbiage that says the location must be approved. In the For Village Use Only section, the first item will say Reviewed and Approved by Tree Board.

The group discussed a suggestion from the village representatives to group the tree list by cost and to limit the amount that can be paid for trees residents select. The board decided not to group trees by cost but to have a \$200 per tree maximum. The board also decided to mail out the Tree Replacement Request Form to the 28 residents where trees were removed this year.

Levi reported on his research:

- Property owners own the terrace but the village regulates it.
- Temperature difference between shade and no shade is significant. For example in a parking lot the temperature can be as much as 27 degrees warmer without shade. On a lawn there is a 14-degree difference between shade and no shade.

Ed Koziel suggested a tree planting event the spring of 2017. The group will develop ideas for this, including a public outreach plan. It suggests 20 trees be planted in addition to replacement plantings.

Next meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017. 7 pm.

Eleanor Jacobs
Tree Advisory Board chairperson