

**VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION  
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY APRIL 21, 2014 AT 5:30 PM  
LINCOLN HALL MEETING ROOM  
AGENDA**

- Minutes;
- Arbor Day;
- 2015 Tree Planting;
- Pruning Update;
- Management Plan Next Steps;
- New Business;
- Public Input.

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**VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION  
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
April 21, 2015**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nick Meyer, Warren Spinner, Paula DeMichele

**ADMINISTRATION:** Darby Mayville, Community Relations and Economic Development Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mary Jo Engel

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM by Nick.

**2. ADDITIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**

None.

**3. MINUTES REVIEW**

**MOTION by WARREN, SECOND by NICK, to approve the January minutes. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.**

**MOTION by WARREN, SECOND by PAULA, to approve the March minutes. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.**

**4. ARBOR DAY PLANNING**

Nick said that two trees have been ordered for the event. Hiawatha will be receiving a sugar maple, and ADL will be receiving a red maple. The event at Hiawatha is scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup>, and the event at ADL will be held on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Nick will transport the trees to the schools, and Rich will help to dig the holes needed to plant them.

**5. 2015 TREE PLANTING PLANNING**

Nick informed the committee that there are plans to plant at least three maple trees on private property on the south side of Main Street. This will include a freeman maple near the Essex Grill to replace a tree that recently died. A stump from the dead tree will also need to be ground down in order to make room for the new tree.

Warren noted that there is a tree that is dying near the Congregational Church on Main Street. He noted that this would be a good spot for a celebration maple, and informed Nick that there are still some available at Gardener's Supply.

Nick said that crab apple trees will be planted on the north side of Main Street in the public greenbelt, from just after the cemetery to Grove Street. There may be space for as many as 12-15, however the committee may not have the budget or time to plant this many.

Paula asked what other types of flowering trees could be planted in the area besides crab apples?

Nick said that tree lilacs could be planted, however they would need a lot of care. Warren also mentioned hawthorns; however he said that they will not work in that space due to the fact that they need a lot of space.

Warren said that crab apples are a good choice for Main Street because it is a busy road and they are quite hardy.

Nick said that there are also plans to plant two trees near the jug handle on Pearl Street.

Warren mentioned the possibility of moving some of the pruning budget over to planting so that all of these trees can be planted this year. Nick said that some funds will also need to be allocated for tubs, stakes, and other planting supplies. He said that Public Works would also most likely need the help of the committee in planting the trees as well.

Nick said that he would be meeting with Public Works Superintendent Rick Jones soon to finalize planting locations. In total, he estimates that we will be interested in planting 12 crab apple trees and 6 maples on Main Street, as well as 2 additional trees on Pearl Street.

## **6. PRUNING UPDATE**

Warren said that about \$2,000 has been spent on pruning so far, which would leave about \$4,000 left to spend in the pruning budget for this fiscal year. This work was mostly done on trees in the Village Center and Pearl Street, and included work on some mature trees that have never been pruned.

Nick noted that the honey locusts on Railroad Avenue are in need of pruning.

Paula asked what types of trees are in front of the shopping centers on Pearl Street?

Warren said that they are mostly ash and little leaf lindens.

Warren said that there are many ash trees on lower Cascade Street that are in need of pruning; however these should be considered a lesser priority due to their location and species.

## **7. MANAGEMENT PLAN NEXT STEPS**

The committee reviewed the management plan, which had been reviewed at by Village staff, as well as Urban & Community Forestry staff. Minor changes to the document were made.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

Darby informed the committee that, while she is on maternity leave, they can contact Patty Benoit for administrative support. Rick Jones will continue to be available for all other support.

## **9. PUBLIC INPUT**

None.

## **10. MEETING SCHEDULE**

### Next meeting

- May 19th at 5:30 PM

### Agenda Items

- TBD

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION by WARREN, SECOND by NICK, to adjourn the meeting. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Darby Mayville