

VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2016 AT 5:30 PM
BROWNELL LIBRARY
AGENDA

- Welcome & Public Input;
- Minutes Review;
- Expense Report-Darby;
- Planting Opportunities and Establishing Priorities;
- Member Recruitment;
- Other Business.

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MINUTES OF MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nick Meyer, Warren Spinner, Rich Boyers, and Mary Jo Engel

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 by Nick

2. MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Warren, SECOND by MARY JO to approve June and September meeting minutes. All in favor.

3. 4 PEARL STREET UPDATE

Warren indicated that the silva cell planting is progressing.

4. BUDGET REPORT

The committee reviewed the budget report provided by Darby. Nick said that 19 trees were planted during the budget year at a cost of \$3700. Moving forward, Warren suggested that \$4000 should be allocated for trees and another \$1000 for planting. Another \$5000 should be allocated for maintenance for a total of \$10,000. Mary Jo said she will work on a spreadsheet to keep track of expenditures.

5. GREENSCAPE CAPITAL FUND PROPOSAL

Nick suggested that the Village consider a greenscape capital fund for future projects. He proposed that in new developments when planting opportunities are not possible or are deemed unnecessary, payments could be made to a greenscape capital fund rather than to the general fund. These funds could then be used for landscape improvements in future projects that might receive minimal funding, such as the Crescent Connector.

6. PUBLIC WORKS COLLABORATION

Nick said that Public Works Superintendent Rick Jones and his crew attended a pruning workshop. He said that Rick has been a great collaborator.

7. INVENTORY

Nick said that the committee needs to continue to update the tree inventory and suggested that they divide into groups to make the process more efficient. Warren said we could take a look at the trees now and again in the spring if we are unsure about the condition.

Mary Jo said that it would make sense to move trees on the inventory designated as poor to fair if after assessment the decision was made to keep the trees.

8. FUTURE PLANTINGS

Nick reaffirmed the committee's strategy to concentrate planting in one area with South Summit Street being the next likely focus. Nick said that the west side of the street has more right of way, but also has overhead wires. Rich suggested that we might consider crabapples like the Main Street planting. Nick said that clustering planting would also be easier for Rick and his crew to water. Warren said that homeowners might be willing to water if gator bags are supplied.

9. MEMBER RECRUITMENT

Nick updated the committee about recruitment of new members. He indicated that a couple of individuals had expressed interest.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by NICK, SECOND by RICH to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Darby Mayville & Rich Boyers