

**VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017 AT 5:30 PM
LINCOLN HALL MEETING ROOM**

AGENDA

Welcome & Minutes Review;
2017 Planting;
Arbor Day 2017;
Logo Design;
Tree Keeper Conference;
Other Business;
Adjourn.

MINUTES SUBJECT TO CORRECTION BY THE ESSEX JUNCTION TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. CHANGES, IF ANY, WILL BE RECORDED IN THE MINUTES OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE.

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TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
MARCH 21, 2017**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nick Meyer, Warren Spinner, and Rich Boyers

ADMIN PRESENT: Darby Mayville, Community Relations/Economic Development Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM by Nick.

2. MINUTES REVIEW

MOTION by WARREN, SECOND by RICH to accept February meeting minutes. ALL IN FAVOR.

3. PLANTING 2017

Nick said that they had gotten a good response from Arlington and Maple Street homeowners. So far, six homeowners on Maple Street and an additional five on Arlington Street, have indicated interest in plantings. Six homeowners on South Summit Street have also indicated interest. Nick plans to follow up with all homeowners to answer any questions that they may have. It is estimated that 18-20 trees will be planted in 2017.

Nick said that he plans to mail a flyer on the Tree Keeper Training to all homeowners who have expressed interest in a planting.

Rich asked if there were any plans to replace existing trees in poor condition. Nick noted that he had already gotten a request to do so from a homeowner on Pleasant Street. He hopes to visit this site when the snow melts.

Warren noted that the committee may have to shop around for trees this year, due to limited selection and supply. He suggested developing a list of desired species and calling around to various nurseries to see what they have in stock. The committee also discussed whether or not homeowners should get some choice on tree selection for their property.

4. ARBOR DAY

Nick said that he would be contacting the CTE Natural Resources program instructor this week to discuss the Arbor Day celebration. He said that committee member Mary Jo might be interested in working on this project. A planting near the intersection of Educational Drive and Main Street is the 1st choice for an Arbor Day planting location.

Warren mentioned that he had visited Fleming School, and that there were more trees in that area than he originally thought. This is the 2nd choice for an Arbor Day planting location.

5. LOGO DESIGN

Nick and Warren recently had a meeting with the Graphic Design students at Essex High School. The students seemed excited about the committee logo design project. It is anticipated that the final product will be ready in the fall, however the committee will be able to review project renderings prior to this date.

Rich suggested that the committee invite the students to the Arbor Day celebration to get a sense of what the committee is about.

6. TREE KEEPER TRAINING

The Tree Keeper Training will be held on April 6th, from 6-8 PM at the City of Burlington Parks & Recreation building on Pine Street. The Committee will be co-sponsoring the event with Branch Out Burlington.

Warren will distribute the press release to the committee once he receives it. Darby will post information to the Downtown Essex Junction Facebook page.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Nick mentioned that he will be meeting with Harlan Smith, Grounds & Facilities Supervisor at EJRP, regarding a potential Caring for Canopy grant. This could be used for various parks projects, including pruning, the completion of a tree inventory, and general tree maintenance.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by NICK, SECOND by RICH to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Darby Mayville