

**VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2017 AT 5:30 PM
BROWNELL LIBRARY**

AGENDA

1. Minutes Review;
2. Logo Discussion;
3. Storm Damage Summary;
 4. Planting 2018;
 5. Public Input.

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
NOVEMBER 28, 2017**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nick Meyer, Mary Jo Engel, Tim Kemerer, and Rich Boyers

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM by Nick.

2. MINUTES REVIEW

MOTION BY TIM, SECOND BY NICK TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

3. LOGO DISCUSSION

The committee reviewed six designs created by a CTE student. All agreed that the design below was the best choice:



Tree Committee

Darby will purchase a \$25 gift certificate to Nest Café as a thank you to the student who designed the logo.

4. STROM DAMAGE UPDATE

Nick noted that there was minimal damage in the Village and Town. This was due to good pruning practices and the fact that there are few soft wood trees. He mentioned that there was a lot of damage on Maple Street, and that some of the recently inventoried trees were lost.

Nick wrote a post on Front Porch Forum to help residents better understand best practices regarding post-storm tree care.

Rich noted that there was quite a bit of damage to the trees at Indian Brook.

5. BUDGET

Mary Jo showed the committee a budget document that she had prepared showing the amounts spent on the streetscape budget for the last few years. She asked that copies of all receipts be sent to her to ensure that she has correct figures for the future.

Nick suggested purchasing smaller caliper trees to make the budget go further. Currently, there is about \$6,000 available for planting in the current budget. Assuming an average price of \$300, the committee could purchase at least 200 trees with these funds.

Mary Jo stated that she will give a budget report at all future meetings.

6. 2018 PLANTINGS

The committee brought up Google Maps to review potential planting locations. Here are some of the proposed locations:

- Two trees near the fence on Railroad Avenue.
- Lincoln Street near Holy Family Church.
- Lincoln Street near Educational Drive.
- On West Street to replace storm damaged trees.
- Old Colchester Road.

Nick will meet with Public Works Superintendent Rick Jones to determine individual street right of ways.

Tim noted that it would be helpful for the committee to review plans for the Crescent Connector to suggest planting locations. The committee also discussed an interest in holding a joint meeting with the Planning Commission. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

7. PUBLIC INPUT & OTER MATTERS

Nick noted that the Department of Fish & Game had come to the committee for advice on what types of trees to plant.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by MARY JO, SECOND by RICH to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM. The next meeting will be held on December 19, at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Darby Mayville