

**VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION  
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018 AT 5:30 PM  
LINCOLN HALL**

**AGENDA**

1. Minutes Review;
2. Arbor Day Event;
3. Budget Review;
4. Tree Keeper Program;
  5. Other Events;
  6. Public Input.

**Village of Essex Junction  
Tree Advisory Committee  
Minutes of Meeting  
March 20, 2018**

Members Present: Nick Meyer, Mary Jo Engel, Warren Spinner, Rich Boyers

**1. Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 by Nick

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve April meeting minutes was made by Mary Jo, second by Warren. All in favor.

**3. Arbor Day Event**

Nick shared that Tim Kemerer reached out to the principal of Summit Street School. He will attempt to connect with a classroom teacher who might want to integrate an Arbor Day activity into his or her curriculum. Mary Jo asked whether The Tree Committee should explore other possibilities. She suggested a planting at Park Street School. Warren suggested a planting at the entrance of the high school at the intersection of Educational Drive and Central Street.

**4. Budget**

Mary Jo shared the budget printout. She questioned whether an expenditure of \$1575 to Don Weston Excavating pertains to the Tree Committee. Warren indicated that he would speak with Rich Jones and/or Darby Mayville to clarify.

**5. Tree Planting**

Nick shared that letters offering the planting of trees for residences went out two weeks ago. So far there have been two positive responses.

**6. Emerald Ash Borer**

Nick noted that having to deal with the Emerald Ash Borer was inevitable and the Committee needs to begin to think about what this will mean for our community. Currently Ash trees make up 21% of the Village tree inventory. Warren shared the multiple issues that need to be considered including developing an action plan, educating the public and potential costs. In addition, he shared the some of the discussions that are taking place at the state level. Nick suggested that we dedicate the May and June meetings to begin to develop a plan. Mary Jo stressed the importance of raising public awareness so people understand why trees might be getting cut down. Rich suggested the return of the farmers market might provide an educational opportunity.

**Adjournment**

Mary Jo made a motion to adjourn at 6:45, Second by Warren. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Rich Boyers & Darby Mayville