

**VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018 AT 5:30 PM
LINCOLN HALL**

AGENDA

1. Minutes Review;
2. Arbor Day Event Planning;
3. Arbor Day Conference May 3, 2018;
4. Tree Planting 2018;
5. Budget Review;
6. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Planning;
7. Tree Walk-Brochure Corrections;
8. 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
APRIL 17, 2018**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nick Meyer, Mary Jo Engel, Warren Spinner, 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 5:34 PM by Nick.

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS

The following topics were added to the agenda:

- Essex Reporter article submission;
- Landscaping fund allocation;
- Tree brochure updates;
- Possible collaboration with the Darkroom Gallery;
- Tree concerns at Stevens Park.

3. MINUTES REVIEW

MOTION BY MARY JO, SECOND BY WARREN TO APPROVE THE MARCH MEETING MINUTES. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

4. ARBOR DAY EVENT

This event will be held on Friday, May 4 at ADL School. Nick will be checking in with Horsford's Nursery to see if they still plan on giving away trees in celebration of Arbor Day. Darby will ensure that the Village Trustees sign a proclamation for this event.

5. ARTICLE SUBMISSION

Tim said that it would be helpful to include something in the article noting that the committee normally plants 20 trees per year and is actively looking for new planting locations. The committee made a few other small changes and decided to go forth with the submission process.

6. ARBOR DAY CONFERENCE

Mary Jo, Nick, and Warren all plan to attend this conference. Nick will be checking in to see if anyone from Public Works would like to attend. He noted that Harlan Smith (EJRP) attended last year.

7. TREE PLANTING 2018

Nick said that around 30 potential sites have been identified. Tree prices are higher than normal this year, and it is possible that the Village could purchase smaller caliper trees in order to save money. Warren noted that changes to national immigration policies are resulting in a lower number of laborers to grow trees, which is affecting both their price and quantity.

Warren said that the Federal building on Lincoln Street plans to plant some new trees this year.

Warren noted that some pruning needs to be completed this summer. If needed, some of it can be pushed into the next fiscal year.

8. BUDGET REVIEW

Nick suggested using \$5,000 for planting and the remainder for pruning. All agreed.

9. EMERALD ASH BORER PLANNING

Nick said that the Village needed to develop a plan for emerald ash borer and suggested that the committee look at what surrounding towns are doing. Warren said that the number of elm trees in the Village may be higher than what was originally thought due to some discrepancies in the inventory documents. Nick said that the committee may learn more about planning for EAB during the Arbor Day Conference. This issue will be further discussed at the May meeting.

10. LANDSCAPING FUND

Tim asked if a response had been given to Mary Jo's request regarding whether or not the Village had been collecting funds from developers who were given an exemption for the landscaping spending requirement. Mary Jo said that she had received a response but would be asking for additional information.

11. TREE BROCHURE UPDATES

Nick said that this document needs to be updated to reflect trees in Maple Street Park that were damaged or removed as a result of the fall wind storm, as well as recently planted trees.

12. DARKROOM GALLERY COLLABORATION

Nick asked the manager at the Darkroom Gallery if they would be interested in doing an exhibit on trees. An exhibit had been done in the past and they may be interested in doing one next winter. Mary Jo noted that it would be nice to do a local tree art exhibit at the Brownell Library.

13. STEVENS PARK TREE CONCERNS

Darby received an e-mail from a resident earlier in the week concerned about the safety of some of the trees at Stevens Park. Warren noted that he had examined these trees last summer and reported concerns to EJRP. He believes that the removal process might be costly due to the fact that a crane would be required.

Tim asked if there was a policy for Stevens Park, as it seemed to intentionally be a wild tree area. No one was aware of one but noted that this may change now that EJRP is a Village department.

14. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by RICH, SECOND by MARY JO to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 29 at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Darby Mayville