

**VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION  
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2018 AT 5:30 PM  
LINCOLN HALL**

**AGENDA**

1. Tree Planting 2018.
2. Darkroom Gallery Exhibit.
  3. Budget Update.
4. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB).
  5. Field Work.

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MINUTES OF MEETING  
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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nick Meyer, Mary Jo Engel, Warren Spinner, and Tim Kemerer

**ADMIN PRESENT:** Darby Mayville

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. PLANTING UPDATE**

Nick said that most of the recent plantings look good, except for an elm planted near the train station that appears stressed. Nick said that he received a phone call from a resident suggesting that the committee plant additional trees near the high school. Warren suggested planting on Old Colchester Road, near the large rocks. Tim suggested considering Maple Street near ADL.

Warren noted that a dead tree in front of 4 Pearl Street should be replaced.

Mary Jo suggested interplanting with ash trees in the Wilkinson Drive neighborhood. Warren said that he rode with Public Works Superintendent Rick Jones today and looked at this area. The majority of ash trees in the Village are located here.

Nick noted that due to roadway changes on Pearl Street, the trees in in the middle of the road might need to be replanted.

Nick noted that the missing signs for the tree walk are back up at Maple Street Park. EJRP Director Brad Luck is interested in doing a large planting and has reached out to the committee to assist with selection.

**3. DARKROOM GALLERY EXHIBIT**

The gallery will be doing an exhibit called "Our Trees." Submissions close on 8/23. The reception will be on 10/13, and the committee has agreed to help with refreshments.

**4. BUDGET**

Mary Jo noted that the committee had spent the majority of their budget for the last fiscal year. There are a few remaining invoices she is still working on coding. Darby will check in with finance to see if there could be separate account numbers for the removal and planting budgets.

Tim brought up the use of the landscaping fund and said that the committee needs to continue to look into it. With the assistance of the Planning Commission, Nick hopes to look at past projects to determine which ones could contribute to the landscaping fund.

## **5. ASH TREES**

Warren noted that there are 136 ash trees in the Village and that 90% of them are in the Wilkinson Drive neighborhood. He is suggesting that the Village begin removal (at a rate of 15-20 trees a year) before emerald ash borer hits, because the price will increase significantly then. This is because the infected trees will splinter apart when cut down, causing additional cleanup costs. It is possible that the Village Public Works Department may be able to help with removal.

Mary Jo asked if there were any grant opportunities for this type of work?

Warren said just for planning, and that the Village could take care of this on our own. Mary Jo said that she would be willing to assist with this project. The Village could replant immediately after removal. Darby will provide contact information for the homeowner's association in the Wilkinson Drive neighborhood.

Once the committee gets additional information together, they will approach the Trustees for approval.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Darby Mayville