

VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION  
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019 AT 5:30 PM  
LINCOLN HALL

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Minutes
3. Tree Planting 2019
4. Emerald Ash Borer Budget Review
5. Arbor Day Celebration
6. Branch Out Burlington
7. Budget Review
8. Adjourn

Rescheduled to 2/20

**VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION  
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
February 20, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nick Meyer, Rich Boyers, Mary Jo Engel, Warren Spinner

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:** Evan Teich and Darby Mayville

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Steve Rivard

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**1. Call to Order**

Nick called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

**2. Minutes Approval**

**MOTION BY WARREN, SECOND BY MARY JO TO ACCEPT JANUARY MEETING MINUTES. ALL IN FAVOR, MINUTES ACCEPTED.**

**3. 2019 Planting**

Warren and Nick explored potential planting locations. They decided to pursue planting locations on Central Street, South Summit Street, and Grove Street. Locations in front of Hiawatha School and the West Street tree nursery were also discussed.

Darby will be sending letters to homeowners requesting their permission to plant.

**4. Emerald Ash Borer Budget Review**

Warren noted that the Trustee approved the addition of \$5,000 in next year's budget for the removal of ash trees. This will result in approx. 5-6 trees to be removed each year. The committee discussed what types of equipment would be required.

Evan noted that collaboration with the Town of Essex may be possible to maximize the budget for equipment rental. Public Works Superintendent Rick Jones would be able to assist in coordinating this.

The committee decided to begin the removal process on Lavoie Drive, due to the presence of a homeowner's association which will make getting out the word about the project easier. The plan is to remove the trees in the fall, and replant in the spring. The committee will be able to ensure that at least one tree is planted for every property that ash tree(s) are removed.

Warren suggested that this neighborhood would be ideal for the smaller trees that would be grown at the Branch Out Burlington nursery. This is because it is a quiet neighborhood and the trees would be unlikely to be damaged.

**5. Arbor Day Celebration**

Rich will get in touch with the principal at Hiawatha School to see if the committee could plant a tree here. It could be the beginning of establishing a tree line on the West Street side of the school. Nick will get in touch with the school district maintenance office.

**6. Budget Update**

Darby showed the committee a memo from Sarah Macy, Finance Director. The memo stated that the planting funds will now be in a separate line item from the removal funds, with a reminder that Public Works had the final say on the spending of all funds.

**7. Branch Out Burlington**

Warren contacted the Burlington City Arborist, and was able to secure 15 trees for the bare-root price. This would help to start the committee's section in the Branch Out Burlington nursery. In addition, the committee may receive unsold trees from the annual Burlington Tree Sale as well. The next step is to work towards getting community volunteers to help with the tree care at the nursery.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mary Jo, second by Nick to adjourn meeting at 6:49 PM. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Darby Mayville