

VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION

TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2019 AT 5:30 PM

VILLAGE OFFICE

AGENDA

1. Minutes Review;
2. Tree Planting 2019 Review;
3. Maple Street Park;
4. Emerald Ash Borer Action Plan;
5. PR for Tree Nursery;
6. Budget Review;
7. Adjourn.

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TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
JUNE 18, 2019**

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Rivard

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 PM by Nick.

MOTION BY WARREN, SECOND BY MARY JO TO NOMINATE NICK MEYER AS CHAIR AND RICH BOYERS AS VICE-CHAIR. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

2. MINUTES REVIEW

Nick noted that he would like the April meeting minutes to be changed to note that Warren also assisted with tree work at Maple Street Park.

MOTION BY MARY JO, SECOND BY TIM TO APPROVE THE APRIL MEETING MINUTES, WITH CHANGES. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

3. TREE PLANTING 2019 REVIEW

Nick noted that Public Works was watering the new trees once per week.

Warren suggested that the TAC take an inventory of which trees are dead along the multi-use railroad path. The committee decided to do a walk-through of the area after tonight's meeting. Warren suggested that the Village consider future maintenance needs before implementing new projects.

Warren noted that the state will be taking some trees down on their property on West Street in the next few days. He spoke with them and they indicated that they would be interested in replanting next year.

4. MAPLE STREET PARK

Not discussed.

5. EMERALD ASH BORER PLAN

Warren noted that EAB had recently been detected in Bristol, Vermont, and that it is only a matter of time before it is discovered in Essex Junction. He suggested that the TAC begin work on the EAB plan after they have finished up this season's planting. He also noted that some of the ash trees on Lavoie Drive were getting too large, and are starting to block the roadway.

The committee brainstormed ways to inform residents about EAB. Some of these include: speaking with homeowners' associations (when applicable), direct mailers, and door hangers. Lavoie Drive will be the first area to begin removal as it is the only one with a homeowners' association and this will assist in getting the word out to residents.

The TAC confirmed an earlier plan to take care of ash tree removal in the fall, and replant in the spring. Rich highlighted the need to make the plan for replanting trees well-known, so that residents do not get concerned about the perceived loss of trees. The goal is to remove 15 trees this fall.

Tim will work with Darby to get more information about the EAB plan on the Village website. He also suggested that the committee post more pictures of tree planting and activities on Facebook.

6. PR FOR TREE NURSERY

Rich said that he will work on this when he gets back from his vacation. He will look for information on the cost savings provided by growing trees at the nursery.

7. BUDGET REVIEW & OTHER

The TAC reviewed their current fiscal year budget, and determined that they had roughly \$1,000 to spend in order to use it all.

Warren noted that he recently met with Development Director Robin Pierce. During their meeting, Warren was able to confirm that a new tree has been ordered for 4 Pearl Street, and that Railroad & Main restaurant will be hiring a landscaper.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by MARY JO, SECOND by RICH to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Darby Mayville