

VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE
TREE BOARD COMMITTEE
JANUARY 13, 2009
MEETING MINUTES

Participants: Mark Klepadlo
Al Hershberger
Brian Geary, Trustee
Dave Pennigton
Nick Roth

ABSENT: Rick Steadman

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

A. Approval of 12/13/08 Minutes- Motioned by Pennington, seconded by Hershberger, carried buy unanimous vote

B. SPRING 2009 PROJECTS:

1. **EDUCATION:** We are able to include educational and information pieces in the April 2009 bills to be mailed by the Village Water Department. Approximately 650 invoices will be mailed, it is suggested we produce an information sheet in a quantity of 1,500, depending upon cost and available funds. This piece can be used as part of our ongoing education campaign. Al Hershberger and Nick Roth will review existing flyer, revising and editing as necessary.
2. **THANK YOU LETTERS** - It is advised to verify all thank you letters have been sent to Fall 2008 participants
- 3.) **ARBOR DAY OBSERVANCE:** Event is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2009. Will be held in the Ed young's parking lot from 9 -2, in conjunction with the Earth Day observance coordinated by the Environmental committee. Rich Sweeney will contact the Erie County Soil and Conservation District for the purpose of ordering seedlings for distribution. Nick Roth to write request to Mayor Lowther, seeking use of the tent used for the Village Garden Walk.
- 4.) **SPRING 2009 PLANTING:** Re-Tree WNY has set May 9 and 10 as the planting dates. Stock availability will be driven by Re-Tree inventory. It was suggested we consider Elms, Oaks, Serviceberry and Tulip trees. Nick Roth to prepare a checklist of action items and suggested completion dates prior to the event to be used for planning purposes.
- 5.) **LEHIGH VALLEY MEMORY TRAIL:** Al Hershberger to provide update at February meeting.

6.) **MAIN STREET PLANTINGS:** Trustee Geary advises that we need to prepare for estimates costs between \$3,000 and \$3,500 for each tree. Cost would include survey work, proper pit preparation, purchase and use of Cornell Structural Soil, purchase, delivery and planting of tree and pit reconstruction and surfacing, including the replacement of street pavers. Akron Tree Farm has expressed an interest in bidding on this project. Trustee Geary was instructed to begin the process of soliciting three (3) competitive bids.

7.) **MASTER PLAN:** Nick Roth was reminded he is to submit revised draft from existing document.

8.) **NEW BUSINESS:** Al Hershberger suggests the Board consider meeting with the Environmental Committee prior to the joint Arbor Day/Earth Day observance.

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 10, 2009 at 6:30 PM in the Village Hall.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by: Nick Roth
January 21, 2009