

**VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE  
TREE BOARD COMMITTEE  
JULY 14, 2009  
MEETING MINUTES**

Participants:

Al Hershberger  
Brian Geary, Trustee  
Dave Pennigton  
Nick Roth  
Noel Bartolo  
Mark Kepadlo

ABSENT: Rich Sweeney

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- A. **TREE REMOVAL POLICY:** It is acknowledged that the Board needs to become more proactive in updating policies concerning trees throughout the Village. Of immediate concern are requests from Homeowners. It was suggested the Board begin with a review of existing Village code regarding removal. Roth is to check with Lynda Juul about any existing information concerning resident requests. Trustee Geary has requested the Board review and seek to develop a new policy concerning the possible removal of any Village Tree, especially since the Village is currently without an Arborist. In the absence of a contractual agreement with an Arborist, the Board may consider releasing 3 RFP's for pruning and maintenance of all ROW and Park trees.
- B. **LEHIGH VALLEY MEMORY TRAIL:** It was agreed that the Board recommend to the village, the exploration of a separate committee to oversee the maintenance of the Trail, as the Tree Board, along with the Parks and Beautification committees lack resources to provide proper stewardship. It was suggested that perhaps an article in the Bee about this potential new committee be drafted.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- B. **MAIN STREET TREE PLANTING:** Once again reviewed existence of residual Cornell structural soil and what to do with it. The suggestion was made that in realization of the issues involved with NYS DOT in doing any planting, perhaps ornamental grasses and/or oversized planters be used in the existing tree pits. Roth was directed to contact Lynda Juul to discuss possibility of securing \$5000 for the purpose of having two (2) trees planted on Main Street. DPW Crew Chief Shuttleworth will be asked to submit bid for all aspects of site prep, planting and restoration if funds are secured. It was suggested that the Williamsville Businessman's Association (WBA) be contacted, in an attempt to help secure funding for Main Street plantings.
- C. **SPRING 2009 PLANTING:** D. Pennigton to provide list of planted site, so master ROW census can be updated.

- D. **NEXT MEETING DATE:** M. Kepadlo made the suggestion the August meeting focus solely on a survey of Main Street trees. The Board will assemble at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, August 11 at Spot Coffee on Main at Long Street.

**Nick Roth**

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