

VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE  
TREE BOARD COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2009  
MEETING MINUTES

Participants:

Dan Delano  
Al Hershberger  
Brian Geary, Trustee  
Mark Kepadlo  
Dave Pennington  
Nick Roth

ABSENT: Rich Sweeney

- A. Meeting called to Order at 6:30 PM
- B. Minutes of August 11, 2009 meeting approved without discussion.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- A. **FALL 2009 TREE PLANTING:** Advance action items for the November 6 & 7 planting of ROW and Park trees (in conjunction with the Re-Tree WNY event) were reviewed.
  - 1.** Training Session: A workshop to instruct volunteers in the proper planting of bare root trees is to be held on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> in Garrison Park, beginning at 2 PM. The training session is thought to last no more than two hours.
  - 2.** Pre Event Publicity – Dave Pennington will prepare posters, to be placed in the windows of various Main Street businesses, promoting the training and planting events. An accompanying piece is to be submitted to the Bee for publication.
  - 3.** Total Number of trees to be planted: To be determined, 25 trees have been requested from RE-Tree WNY. The total number will be driven by the size of the volunteer corps and availability of a new supply of Cornell Structural Soil. Trustee Geary needs to review existing lists of tree requests from residents.
  - 4.** Door Hangers: Information pieces with instructions for properly maintaining newly planted bare root trees are to be secured or prepared in time for distribution during the planting event.
  - 5.** DPW and Underground Utility Locator Services needs to be notified no later than October 2, 2009.
- B. **LEHIGH VALLEY MEMORY TRAIL:** The Board is to recommend to the Village Board that a moratorium on plantings be enacted for the trail, pending receipt of a soil analysis on the tree, which will determine what species of trees will thrive in this area.

- C. **TREE MAINTENANCE:** Trustee Geary suggested that available funds should be considered for the purchase of Gator Bags (watering devices) and plastic tree trunk protection devices.
- D. **TREE POLICY:** Trustee Geary once again emphasized the urgency for the Board to address the issuance of adopting an effective policy. Chair Roth referred members to the ISA (International Society of Arborists) website, urging all to review the template for designing such a policy for discussion at the October meeting.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Pennington to contact Cornell Cooperative Extension to discuss any possible resources for soil samples.

Trustee Geary to review citizen requests as part of the process to determine how many trees are to be ordered for the November, 2009 planting.

Nick Roth to discuss the deployment of Cornell Structural Soil with Administrator Juul.

Nick Roth to request information of sidewalk repair done throughout the Village by the DPW and report to Dan Delano ,who will inspect for any possible damage to trees near repair sites.

The Board will assemble on Tuesday, September 29, 2009 at the Lehigh Valley Depot. Working in teams, members will then survey potential planting sites for the Fall 2009 planting. Target planting sites will then be communicated to the DPW for site preparation.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 6:30 at the Village Hall.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:45

**Nick Roth**

**Submitted September 16, 2009**