

VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE
TREE BOARD COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 16, 2009
MEETING MINUTES

Participants:

Dan Delano
Tom Draves, Draves Tree Service
Brian Geary, Trustee
Al Hershberger
Mark Kepadlo
Dave Pennigton
Nick Roth

- A. Meeting called to Order at 6:30 PM
- B. Minutes of January 17, 2010 meeting approved, with correction. Tom Draves noted a misstatement with regard to existing Main Street tree pits and possible deployment of Cornell Structural Soil in same. Tom advises he is not qualified to evaluate the viability of existing tree pits, as it is an issue for an engineer, not the Village Arborist.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- A. **ARBOR DAY OBSERVANCE:** Program is scheduled for Saturday, April 24 2010 9 Am – 1 PM at the Water Mill on Spring Street. This is a change in venue from previous annual events. Advance publicity will be needed, as we will not have the usual Main Street visibility.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Direct Trustee Geary to order Banner for over Main Street advertising. Banner is to be designed for multi-year use.
- 2. Order trees from ECSWCD, Tom Draves recommended the following:
HARDWOODS: River Birch, Sugar Maple, Sycamore
EVERGREENS: Austrian Pine, Norway Spruce, Douglas fir
If we purchase 30 of each (\$21 per 30 qty.), we will have 180 for distribution. In 2009, we ordered 200. **Order deadline is 03/09/10, pickup date is 04/17/10.**
- 3. Inventory and coordinate educational material to be distributed.
- 4. Prepare article for publication in Bee on 04/21/2010, submit no later than 04/16/2010.
- 5. Coordinate volunteer schedule and duties.

B. **SPRING PLANTING** - We need to reconnect with Re-Tree WNY to confirm May 2010 planting date. When selecting form Re- Tree stock, Tom Draves recommends choosing trees with diameters in the 1.75 – 2.50 inch range. He also suggests we consider Acer Miyabei's for planting throughout the Village.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Nick Roth to contact Tim Finnell of Re-Tree to begin process.

C. **TREE REMOVAL**: Reports of unauthorized removals by outside contractors have been received by the Village. The Board directs Trustee Geary to notify the Village that no further removals are to be authorized or performed without prior consent of the Tree Board. Mr. Draves noted that all removals are to done as a "prevailing rate job", under NYS guidelines. He added that information about the prevailing job rate can be found on the state DOT website.

D. **LEHIGH VALLEY MEMORY TRAIL**: It was once again discussed that due to limited resources and committee members, the interests of this public park are not being served. It was once again recommended that a separate committee for the sole purpose of updating and maintaining this area be considered.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Letters to current donors, advising of current status and future planning.
2. Aerial Survey of property – to be initiated by Trustee Geary through Town of Amherst mapping service.
3. Identify sources for design services for any future enhancements or upgrades, including creation of a "Memory Wall", as recently authorized by the Village Board.

BUDGET REQUEST: Unanimously decided to authorize expenditure not to exceed \$1,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing an Oriental Spruce, to be planted in front of Village Hall. Funds also include the possible relocating of two existing cherry trees on the property to other locations in the Village, if a review by Mr. Draves determines they are candidates for replanting.

E. NEW BUSINESS: Nick Roth advises he will be out of the area for an extended period of time. Dan Delano has agreed to serve as interim Chair.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16th, 2010 at 6:30 PM in Village Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00

Nick Roth

Submitted February 17, 2010