

Village of Fairport Tree Board

Meeting notes from Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Board members attended: Kathy Clark, Art Muldoon, Ken Rohr, Bridget Schalabba and Zakery Steele

Board members absent:

Village staff attended: Paul Feeley

Minutes prepared by Bridget Schalabba

1. Annual Tree Plan Work Completed/Scheduled.

P. Feeley reported to the Board that 36 new/replacement trees were delivered and planted this fall. As discussed and approved, 10 diseased/dangerous trees are to be removed. The stump removal for those trees are to be bid out and awarded with FMC's bid in December of 2009. P. Feeley also informed the Board that 24 trees received safety pruning and 8 trees received crown reductions.

2. Revised Tree Removal Process.

- The Tree Board Members inspected each tree to be removed. As a result, one tree was removed from the list based on all Members' opinion.
- A letter was sent to each property owner mid October to inform them of the tree removal. Only one resident responded asking when a replacement tree will be planted.
- The trees were marked by the DPW.
- K. Rohr advised the Village Board of process and intentions at the November 9th meeting.

3. Tree City USA Recertification.

K. Rohr will submit the application for next year at the end of the month to capture all expenses. The application deadline is 12/31/09. Expenses for this calendar year to date totals \$6,600. For the application \$11,000 to \$12,000 is need to be expensed. The purchase of a needed new chain saw, pole saw and payroll expenses should cover the difference.

4. The Planting of an Oak Tree on Summit Street by Property Owner.

The property owners of 21 Summit Street planted an Oak tree in the village right of way in front of the house. The planting was not ideal due to many reasons: first residents cannot plant trees in the right away, second the space is too small for the species of tree, third there is electric above the tree and fourth there is a water drain in close proximity. The DPW did ask the property owners to remove the tree, but this has not happened yet. The DPW requests the Tree Board to write a letter offering to transfer the tree to the Thomas Creek Wetlands at the cost to the Tree Board or have the property owners move it unto their yard.

5. Other Matters for Discussion.

- To date, there is no DEC grant funding available at this time for the Arboretum. K. Rohr will continue to monitor.
- The DPW will erect a flag pole at the entrance of the Thomas Creek Wetlands for the Tree City USA flag before Arbor Day 2010.
- Bob Jacobs, a Misty Pine Road resident made a request to the Tree Board to remove the path from the Misty Pine/Winding Brook Arboretum plans. It was questioned if this would affect the funding of the project. K. Rohr will discuss with State Forester. It was also discussed that the Village addressed the drainage problem two years ago.
- The Tree Board wants to make sure that Arbor Day activities are published in the Village Spring Newsletter.
- Z. Steele offered to write a blog on the web site about Elm trees.
- A. Muldoon's term expires 12/31/09. It was unanimously passed to reappoint him.
- The Tree Board nominated and seconded for K. Rohr to remain Chairman and B.Schalabba to remain Secretary for 2010.
- The tentative schedule for Tree Board meeting for year 2010 are to be Feb. 17, May 19, Sept. 15 and Nov. 17. The time was changed to 5:30. A tentative Arbor Day prep meeting is scheduled for April 14.

6. The next scheduled Tree Board meeting is Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 5:30pm.