

Village of Fairport Tree Board

Meeting notes from Wednesday, June 2, 2010

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

Board members absent: Art Muldoon

Village staff attended: Paul Feeley

Minutes prepared by Bridget Schalabba

1. Annual Tree Plan Work Completed/Scheduled.

P. Feeley reported to the Board that all the planned tree removals have been performed with the exception of 29 Nelson St. due to baby squirrels. The contract will be completed once stump removals are finished. Total expenses exceeded the budget by four to five thousand dollars.

2. Recent Wind Storm Damage and Remediation.

P. Feeley reported to the Board that two village trees fell during the recent wind storm. The locations are 62 Hulbert Rd. and on High St. Damage due to the storm resulted with four other trees having safety issues. 210 S. Main St., 88 Roselawn Ave., and 18 5th Ave. need to be removed. 18 Fiora can be watched. 210 S. Main St. will be removed in-house, leaving the others to be bid out. .

3. 2010-11 Tree Budget Approved by Village Board.

K. Rohr reported that the Village Board approved \$12,000 for DPW staff wages, \$3,000 for tree planting and \$2,500 for re-inventory of tree management unit #4. These amounts were what the Tree Board did request. For tree trimmings and removals only \$15,000 was granted, \$5,000 less than the requested \$20,000.

4. Arbor Day Celebration – April 30th.

The Tree Board concluded that for Arbor Day 2010 there was adequate media coverage but poor attendance. The Board discussed ideas for 2011 celebration. One potential site could be Summit St. with the planting of Elm trees. A second site would be the planting of new trees on the north side of the canal along the box factory and BME. Currently there are 4 trees which are not doing well. The celebration time could be changed to noon capturing more people during lunch time. It was suggested to see if a sign could hang on the pavilion and on the “Fairport Welcome” signs weeks in advanced.

5. Specific Tree Problems/Issues for Discussion.

- A homeowner on Clinton Place requested the removal of a large Maple tree. The Board reviewed many photos of the lopsided tree and concluded that the tree is not healthy and should be removed for a safety issue.
- Higher Ground Café requested the removal of a small Pear tree in front of there location. After review of photos and discussion the Board concluded that the tree is healthy and is not a safety issue so voted not to remove the tree.
- There is a dead Evergreen tree on Fiora Dr. The property line is inconsistent, villages versus private. The DPW will contact the homeowner and will offer village removal. The Board approved the removal.
- A dead tree on Prospect St. was removed.
- The Fat Albert tree in front of the Village Hall is watered daily but does not seem to be doing well. It was noted recently new growth on its limbs. The Board decided to continue to monitor.
- P. Feeley informed the Board that six newly planted Elms are not doing well. The DPW will continue to monitor them. There locations are Dewey Ave. (2), West St. (1), S. Main St. (1) and the cemetery (2). P. Feeley also discussed the 4 unhealthy trees along the north side of the canal between the box factory and BME. These tree sites would be replanted and a potential Arbor Day Celebration site for next year.

6. Other Matters for Discussion.

- There continues to be no DEC grant funding available at this time, K. Rohr will continue to monitor.
- A. Muldoon may step down from his position on the Board. K. Rohr will speak with The Mayor about posting his position.
- Resident Maggie Swineberger of White Alder asked if something could be planted in the circle. P. Feeley stated that per tree planting guidelines this area does not meet the guidelines, and a sewer line with a manhole is part of the infrastructure under the location. The Board discussed its purpose to prevent incorrect planting of trees.
- A resident approached a Board member with concern that the Preservation Board had designated a tree on their property so the individual cannot trim and safety prune it. It was discussed to informally educate the Board with the Preservation Boards' laws.
- P. Feeley updated the Board that Andy Pleninger will inventory management unit #3 for removal and trimming to be done this fall. This fall tree planting will be based on the last inventory and locations will be available prior to the September meeting.

7. The next scheduled Tree Board meeting is Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at 5:30pm.