

Tree Board – June 3, 2008

The following media were noticed relative to this meeting per the Open Meeting Law of the State of WI: The Ozaukee Press, Port Washington; The Milwaukee Journal (Ozaukee and Washington Desk); The Sheboygan Press, Sheboygan. In addition, a copy of the agenda was also posted at the following locations within the Village of Belgium: Belgium Village Hall, Belgium Post Office, Port Washington State Bank (Belgium Office), Wisconsin State Bank (Belgium Office) and Belgium Hardware and Beverage.

Call to Order, Roll Call, Establishment of a Quorum:

Chairperson Diana Otto called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Present were Tree Board Members Anna Krier, Donald Gotcher and Kevin Wirtz. Absent were Sandra St. Peter, Dale Pfeifer, and Thomas Peterik. A quorum was declared established.

Open Meeting Law Compliance Check

Yes, this meeting is in compliance.

Pledge to Flag, Moment of Silence

Approval of Minutes

- **Minutes of May 6, 2008** - A motion was made by Dianna Otto and seconded by Kevin Wirtz to approve the May 6, 2008 Tree Board minutes. The Tree Board was polled: ayes – Wirtz, Krier, Gotcher, Otto; noes – none; abstain – none. Motion carried.

Announcements:

- **Hanging Baskets - Community Park** - Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Cecil reported that Mary Sprader had contacted her to volunteer to update the hanging baskets. Sprader said that she would be working with Sandy St. Peter of the Tree Board. The Tree Board is happy to accept her help.
- **Tree Board Membership** - No action was taken.
- **Proposed 2008 Budget** - A motion was made by Kevin Wirtz and seconded by Donald Gotcher to move \$1,000 to the trees and miscellaneous fund from the landscaping budget. The Tree Board was polled: ayes – Wirtz, Krier, Gotcher, Otto; noes – none; abstain – none. Motion carried.
- **Lakeview Plaza Landscape Plan** - The plan was reviewed. Donald Gotcher noted that some of the plants may need to be reviewed for salt sensitivity. No action was taken as the plan was already approved the Plan Commission.

Action Items:

- **Meeting Schedule** - Discussion took place. It was noted that the Village Board meetings are usually the 2nd Monday. A motion was made by Donald Gotcher and seconded by Kevin Wirtz to set the meeting date as the 1st

Monday of the even numbered months. The Tree Board was polled: ayes – Wirtz, Krier, Gotcher, Otto; noes – none; abstain – none. Motion carried.

- **Street Tree - 262 Bastogne Court** - The resident at 262 Bastogne Court stated the tree was replanted too high. The resident offered to replant the tree. A motion was made by Dianna Otto and seconded by Donald Gotcher to approve the resident replanting the tree as offered. The Tree Board was polled: ayes – Wirtz, Krier, Gotcher, Otto; noes – none; abstain – none. Motion carried.
- **Street Tree - Louvain Lane & LaRoche Lane** - Discussion took place. The tree will be reviewed after MasterCraft replaces the tree. No action taken.

Miscellaneous Matters:

- **Foundations in Wisconsin - A Directory** - Discussion took place in regard to the directory which names possible financial grants.
- **Village Hall Landscaping** - A motion was made by Donald Gotcher and seconded by Anna Krier to recommend the Village Board hire a professional maintenance company. The Tree Board was polled: ayes – Wirtz, Krier, Gotcher, Otto; noes – none; abstain – none. Motion carried.
- **National Arbor Day Foundation** - A motion was made by Donald Gotcher and seconded by Kevin Wirtz to join the Arbor Day Foundation and request Blue Spruce evergreens as the Village's free trees. The Tree Board was polled: ayes – Wirtz, Krier, Gotcher, Otto; noes – none; abstain – none. Motion carried.
- **2008/2009 Arbor Day Proclamation** - Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Cecil reported that the Village Board had previously adopted May 26, 2008 as the Village's Arbor Day. This will fulfill one of the requirements for becoming a Tree City.
- **DNR Urban Forestry Grant** - This was discussed. It may be a possible item to make an inventory of all ash trees and monitor them for signs of Emerald Ash Borer infestation. No action was taken.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Dianna Otto and seconded by Donald Gotcher to adjourn the Tree Board at 8:50 p.m. The Tree Board was polled: ayes – Wirtz, Krier, Gotcher, Otto; noes – none; abstain – none. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie L. Cecil
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer