

## Tree Board – August 4, 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 Dianna Otto called the meeting to order at 6:22 p.m. Present were Tree Board Members Anna Krier, Donald Gotcher, Tom Peterik, Dale Pfeifer and Kevin Wirtz (6:30 p.m.). Absent was Sandra St. Peter. A quorum was declared established. Also present was Village President Donald Schommer (6:31 p.m.).

### Open Meeting Law Compliance Check

Yes, this meeting is in compliance.

### Pledge to Flag, Moment of Silence

### Announcements:

None

Kevin Wirtz entered the meeting. (6:30 p.m.)

Donald Schommer entered the meeting. (6:31 p.m.)

### Action Items:

- **Tree Board's Role in Plan Approval** – Village President Donald Schommer explained to the Tree Board members that the Plan Commission has approving authority. The Tree Board's opinion should be considered advisory to the Plan Commission. President Schommer advised the Tree Board to attempt to review Landscape Plans before the Plan Commission makes their final determination even if it requires a special meeting of the Tree Board. No action was taken.
- **Trees in Community Park** – Chairperson Otto questioned President Schommer as to why two pine trees in Community Park were cut down after the Tree Board was requested to look into the matter and the Tree Board advised the Village that the trees were healthy and should be kept. President Schommer stated that the Tree Board will be notified before any trees are cut down. President Schommer also stated that two trees should be planted for each one cut down.
- **Update Street Tree Requirements** - A motion was made by Dianna Otto and seconded by Donald Gotcher to remove the following trees from the Recommended Tree Species Listing: all varieties of Maple, all varieties of Ash, Honey Locust and all varieties of Gingko. The Tree Board was

polled: ayes – Wirtz, Krier, Gotcher, Otto, Peterik, Pfeifer; noes – none; abstain – none. Motion carried.

Upon further discussion, a motion was made by Kevin Wirtz and seconded by Donald Gotcher to additionally remove the Ohio Buckeye due to seed pods from the Recommended Tree Species Listing. The Tree Board was polled: ayes – Wirtz, Krier, Gotcher, Otto, Peterik, Pfeifer; noes – none; abstain – none. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Matters:

- **Identify Possible Projects for Grants** - Discussion took place. It was decided that Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Cecil would contact various tree trimming companies for quotes on trimming the mature trees in Community Park. Village President Donald Schommer noted that two large trees in Community Park should be removed. No action was taken.
- **Hanging Baskets - Community Park** - Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Cecil is directed to contact Lasting Buds Floral and Gifts to get the hanging baskets reconditioned for the upcoming Luxembourg Fest. The previous volunteer fell through and there isn't much time left to get them done.
- **Emerald Ash Borer Plan** - Discussion took place. No action was taken.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Donald Gotcher and seconded by Kevin Wirtz to adjourn the Tree Board at 7:00 p.m. The Tree Board was polled: ayes – Wirtz, Krier, Gotcher, Otto, Peterik, Pfeifer; noes – none; abstain – none. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie L. Cecil  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer