

Tree Board – December 1, 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), Harris 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 6:35 p.m. Present were Tree Board Members Tom Peterik, Rich Howells and Village President Donald Schommer (7:03 p.m.). A quorum was declared established. Absent was Kevin Wirtz, Donald Gotcher, Anna Krier, Sandra St. Peter and Village Board Trustee Dale Pfeifer.

Open Meeting Law Compliance Check

Yes, this meeting is in compliance.

Pledge to Flag, Moment of Silence

Announcements:

None

Action Items:

- **Minute Approval - October 6, 2008 Minutes** – A motion was made by Tom Peterik and seconded by Rich Howells to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2008 Tree Board meeting. The Tree Board was polled: ayes – Howells, Otto, Peterik; noes – none; abstain – none. Motion carried.
- **Community Park Tree Trimming Estimate Review** – The estimate from Gluck Tree Care was discussed. There are four mature trees that need to be pruned. One of the four trees, an ash tree, may need to be removed. Tree Board members will look at the tree and discuss this item again at a future meeting. No action was taken.

Miscellaneous Matters:

- **Tree City USA** – Jamie Cecil, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer updated the Tree Board on her work on the Tree City USA application. The application will be completed after today's Tree Board meeting. The Tree City USA application goes through a two part approval process. The first approval is from the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The second approval is from the Arbor Day Foundation. Further updates will be given at future Tree Board meetings.

- **Project Review –**

- **Street Trees** – Rich Howells oversaw twelve street trees being planted within eight days of the last Tree Board meeting. Most trees were planted in locations where the trees were completely missing. Two new trees replaced dead street trees. Pleasant View Tree Nursery removed and discarded the dead trees at no extra cost.
- **I-43 Median** – Rich Howells cleaned up the median. Additional plantings may be needed.
- **Scott Pines near Village Hall** – Village President Donald Schommer requested the Tree Board look into fertilizing the Scott Pine trees along the north edge of the property on which the Village Hall sits. (the abutting edge next to Krier Ice)
- **Community Park Tree Trimming** – Several trees may be trimmed. One dying Locust Tree may be removed.
- **Community Park Tree Planting** – Planting a tree near the batting cage in Community Park will be reviewed to determine location and tree variety.
- **Street Trees** – Additional time will be spent in locating areas in need of street trees.
- **Banners – Community Park** – A small number of banners to be located near Community Park may be purchased. These banners will be placed in or very near Community Park specifically for Luxembourg Fest. Additional Luxembourg Flags may also need to be purchase to replace the Dutch flags which were accidentally purchased several years ago.
- **2008 Budget Review** – Discussion took place in regard to how much of the budget was used. No action was taken.
- **2009 Budget Review** - Discussion took place in regard to how to spend the 2009 funds. No action was taken.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Tom Peterik and seconded by Rich Howells to adjourn the Tree Board at 7:32 p.m. The Tree Board was polled: ayes – Howells, Otto, Peterik; noes – none; abstain – none. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie L. Cecil
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer