

## Village of Belgium Tree Board – February 2, 2009

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 6:33 p.m. Present were Tree Board Members Anna Krier, Rich Howells, Kevin Wirtz (6:43 p.m.) and Tom Peterik (6:56 p.m.), Village Board Trustee Dale Pfeifer. A quorum was declared established. Absent were Donald Gotcher and Sandra St. Peter.

### Open Meeting Law Compliance Check

Yes, this meeting is in compliance.

### Pledge to Flag, Moment of Silence

### Announcements:

None

### Action Items:

- **Minute Approval – December 1, 2008 Minutes** – A motion was made by Dianna Otto and seconded by Rich Howells to approve the minutes from the December 1, 2009 Tree Board meeting. The Tree Board was polled: ayes – Krier, Howells, Otto, Wirtz, Peterik; noes – none; abstain – none. Motion carried.
- **Education Reimbursement** – Rich Howells attended a class in Oak Creek, Wisconsin on January 20<sup>th</sup>. The class taught tree pruning and tree removal techniques. Mr. Howells requested a reimbursement of \$50 which was the exact cost of attending the class. A motion was made by Dianna Otto and seconded by Kevin Wirtz to approve the reimbursement of \$50 to Rich Howells for training. The Tree Board was polled: ayes – Krier, Howells, Otto, Wirtz, Peterik; noes – none; abstain – none. Motion carried.
- **Tree Board Educational classes** – Rich Howells informed the Tree Board of an additional education opportunity which would be an extension of the previous class taken. It was noted that the Tree Board would be supportive of Mr. Howells taking the additional training at an approximate cost of \$50.

- **Street Tree Inspection Plan** – Setting up a plan was discussed regarding inspecting street trees. Kevin Wirtz will come up with text for the next Quarterly Newsletter which will instruct residents to contact Village Hall if they believe there is a problem with their street tree.

A member of the Tree Board will inspect the tree and make a recommendation on whether or not the tree should be added to the replacement list.

Miscellaneous Matters:

- **Tree City USA Update** – There was no indication, yet, if the Village of Belgium was officially approved or not. Information should be available at any time. In order to continue with the Tree City USA designation, an Arbor Day event should be planned. A planning meeting is set for March 11, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Proposed Flower Bed** – Rich Howells presented an idea for a flower bed near I-43. Village President Schommer would like to see something done to beautify the area along I-43. The proposed flower bed would be in the shape and colors of a Luxembourg flag and would be installed with a deadline of Luxembourg Fest weekend in August.

Discussion ensued. It was determined that the Tree Board should maintain focus on trees within the Village, especially due to the projected cost of the proposed flower bed.

- **Project Planning** – The evergreen trees near Village Hall need fertilizer. Kevin Wirtz is to purchase fertilizer spikes. This item will be revisited on April's agenda.
- **249 Bastogne Court – Tree Damage** – The damaged tree has been replaced at the cost of the individual who hit the tree. No further action necessary.
- **Chestnut Street Trees** – The street trees on Chestnut have been growing into the street and into the sidewalks. Trimming was done in 2008 by Kevin Wirtz. Due to the trees continuing to be a difficulty even after attempting to rectify the situation the trees will be moved from Chestnut Street to Well #2. A motion was made by Rich Howells and seconded by Tom Peterik to recommend the Department of Public Works transplant the street trees on the west side of Chestnut Street near the ball diamond to the area near Well #2. The Tree Board was polled: ayes – Krier, Howells, Otto, Wirtz, Peterik; noes – none; abstain – none. Motion carried.

- **Lake Hills South Park – Sick or Dying Trees** – DPW and Water Superintendent had reported to Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Cecil several trees were ailing in the Lake Hills South Park. Rich Howells viewed the trees. This item will be placed on the next regular meeting's agenda to view the trees when they are not dormant to better ascertain their state. No action was taken.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Kevin Wirtz and seconded by Dianna Otto to adjourn the Tree Board at 8:27 p.m. The Tree Board was polled: ayes – Krier, Howells, Otto, Wirtz, Peterik; noes – none; abstain – none. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie L. Cecil  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer