

## Village of Belgium Tree Board – April 6, 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 6:49 p.m. Present were Tree Board Members Rich Howells, Kevin Wirtz, Anna Krier, Don Gotcher and Village Board Trustee Dale Pfeifer. A quorum was declared established. Absent were Sandra St. Peter, and Tom Peterik.

### Open Meeting Law Compliance Check

Yes, this meeting is in compliance.

### Pledge to Flag, Moment of Silence

### Announcements:

None

### Action Items:

- **Tom Mireau, Belgium Area Chamber of Commerce – Christmas Tree Project** – Mr. Mireau discussed his idea for decorating certain areas of the village with cut Christmas trees. Concern was expressed with cutting Christmas Trees versus planting trees. Mr. Mireau stated he was looking for someone to coordinate the entire project and he believed the Tree Board should consider doing so.

After discussion it was decided that due to current and planned projects the time constraints would not allow the Tree Board to take on Mr. Mireau's project. However, it was stated that the Tree Board would consider decorating a tree. Mr. Mireau was thanked for his time.

- **Minutes Approval – February 2, 2009** – A motion was made by Dianna Otto and seconded by Kevin Wirtz to approve the minutes as presented. The Tree Board was polled: ayes – Otto, Howells, Wirtz, Krier, Gotcher; noes – none; abstain – none. Motion carried.
- **Minutes Approval – March 11, 2009** - A motion was made by Rich Howells and seconded by Dianna Otto to approve the minutes as presented. The Tree Board was polled: ayes – Otto, Howells, Wirtz, Krier, Gotcher; noes – none; abstain – none. Motion carried.

- **Arbor Day 2009 – Event Planning** – Informational brochures were reviewed. Kevin Wirtz reported on the activities he will be planning for the children in attendance at the Arbor Day Celebration. Kevin estimated that copying costs will be approximately \$20-30. Kevin will bring juice and cookies.

Rich Howells reported that Nate's Lawn Maintenance will be contacted regarding tree planting and pruning.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Jamie Cecil has created an insert for the newsletter that went out at the end of March. She contacted Dan Birenbaum to put the Arbor Day info on the Community Park Marque. She is in contact with the DNR regarding who will do the presentation and she will make copies of informational brochures given to her.

Chairperson Dianna Otto had several Informational brochures with her at the meeting. She has tree bags that the Tree Board can use for the saplings.

The timeline of the event was reviewed. The approximate timeline is the following:

9:00 a.m.	Presentation of Tree City USA award
9:15 a.m.	Tree Planting/Pruning Demonstration
9:45 a.m.	Children's Activities/Sapling Giveaway

- **Community Park Tree Trimming** – A quote was reviewed from Premier Tree Care of Belgium, Wisconsin. This item will be held until the June meeting. No action was taken.
- **Status of Evergreens near Village Hall** – One tree and possibly a second tree need to be removed per Kevin Wirtz. A cedar was suggested as a possible replacement. This item will be held until the June meeting.
- **Purchase of Fertilizer** – Kevin Wirtz will be purchasing fertilizer. He will submit his receipt for payment at the next Tree Board Meeting.
- **Chestnut Street Trees** – Rich Howells spoke with Director of Public Works and Water Superintendent Dan Birenbaum. The trees will be moved from Chestnut Street to Well #2 at 1105 Main Street. Rich Howells will be present when the trees are moved.
- **Lake Hills South Park Tree Status** – This item will be held until the June meeting.

- **Street Tree Replacement Listing Update** – If any resident calls in, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Jamie Cecil will speak with them and add them to our list. This item will be reviewed again at our June meeting.

Miscellaneous Matters:

- **Length of Chairman's Term** – Village of Belgium Ordinance §250-2(e) was reviewed. Discussion took place regarding the length of the Chairman's term. A motion was made by Dianna Otto and seconded by Kevin Wirtz to recommend to the Village Board that the length of the Tree Board Chairman's term be amended to a two year term with the removal of the language regarding limitations on number of terms allowed. The Tree Board was polled: ayes – Otto, Howells, Wirtz, Krier, Gotcher; noes – none; abstain – none. Motion carried.
- **Modern Woodmen of America Donation** – Kevin Wirtz will draft a letter to thank the Modern Woodmen of American for their donation. The letter will be forwarded electronically to Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Cecil to be put on letterhead.
- **Emerald Ash Borer Update** – Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Cecil presented a map showing the closest confirmed cases of Emerald Ash Borer infestation. Discussion took place. No action was taken.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie L. Cecil  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer