Village of Belgium Tree Board – August 3, 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 Rich Howells called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. Present were Board Members Dianna Otto, Anna Krier, Tom Peterik, and Roger Rachuba. A quorum was declared established. Absent were Sandra St. Peter, Kevin Wirtz, and Village Board Trustee Jeff Ritter.

Open Meeting Law Compliance Check
Yes, this meeting is in compliance.

Pledge to Flag, Moment of Silence

Announcements:
None

Action Items:

- **Minutes Approval – June 15, 2009** – A motion was made by Rich Howells and seconded by Tom Peterik to approve the minutes as presented. The Tree Board was polled: ayes – Howells, Krier, Peterik, Otto; noes – none; abstain – Rachuba. Motion carried.
- **Thank you Letter to Modern Woodsmen** - Chairperson Howells updated the Tree Board. He indicated that the letter had been sent and that he would like to follow up with the Modern Woodsmen when those funds are spent.
- **Fertilizer Spikes Update** - Chairperson Howells stated that he purchased spikes and placed them at Lake Hills South Park and along the north perimeter of the Village Hall land. He submitted his receipt for reimbursement.
- **Tree Staking at Jer-Mar Road Update** - Chairperson Howells stated that he is waiting on dowels from Belgium Hardware to complete this project. He will update the Tree Board at the October meeting on the status.
- **Update on Removal of Trees on Chestnut Street and North of Village Hall** - The eastern-most tree on the north perimeter of the Village Hall property and the northern-most street tree on Chestnut Street have been removed by Village staff. Dan Birenbaum will look into getting a stump grinder.
- **Chestnut Street Tree Pruning** - Chairperson Howells will prune trees this

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fall. He will ensure removal of the fungus infested tree branches.

- **2010 Budget Approval** - Discussion took place. Minor wording changes were made. A motion was made by Dianna Otto and seconded by Roger Rachuba to approve the 2010 Budget as amended and authorize Chairperson Howells to make necessary adjustments during the meeting with the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Committee. The Tree Board was polled: ayes – Howells, Krier, Peterik, Otto, Rachuba; noes – none; abstain – none. Motion carried.
- **1 Year and 5 Year Plan Forestry Plan Approval** - Chairperson Howells discussed the plans he created. Discussion took place. The suggested amendments were the following: Reduce the number of community education days to 2 from 3, and add a new item entitled "Maintain Tree Board website" to both of the plans. A motion was made by Rich Howells and seconded by Roger Rachuba to approve the 1 Year and the 5 Year Forestry Plans as amended. The Tree Board was polled: ayes – Howells, Krier, Peterik, Otto, Rachuba; noes – none; abstain – no. Motion carried.

Dianna Otto left the meeting. (8:04 p.m.)

- **Intent to Apply** - Deputy-Clerk Treasurer Cecil informed the Tree Board that the Intent to Apply form from the Wisconsin DNR had arrived. She and Chairperson Howells will complete the nonbinding form and return prior to the due date.

<u>Miscellaneous Matters:</u>

- **Update on the 2008 Street Tree Planting** - Chairperson Howells reported that the trees planted last fall looked very good. No action was taken.
- **2009 Street Tree Initial Planting and Replacement Listing** - Nine individuals contacted the Village Hall regarding getting a street tree. Chairperson Howells attempted to make contact with everyone on the list. Seven households were selected as two of the properties may have warranty trees. Chairperson Howells proposed giving 5-7 trees to the Belgium Community Center at 548 Park Street.

  Discussion took place regarding the possibility of the public perceiving the action as favoritism. The consensus was that it was important to include more trees on Park Street and the Tree Board should move forward with planting trees at 548 Park Street. The exact number of trees will be determined by Chairperson Howells when he is on site. A motion was made by Rich Howells and seconded by Tom Peterik to accept the Street Tree Listing with the removal of Mireau and Burton and with additional trees as determined by Chairperson Howells. The Tree Board was polled: ayes – Howells, Krier, Peterik, Rachuba; noes – none; abstain – none. Motion carried.

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Adjournment:
A motion was made by Roger Rachuba and seconded by Rich Howells to adjourn the Tree Board at 8:51 p.m. The Tree Board was polled: ayes – Howells, Krier, Peterik, Rachuba; noes – none; abstain – none. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie L. Cecil
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

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