

Tree Committee

February 4, 2014

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Richard Howells.

Roll Call of Officers: Officers present were President Richard Howells and member Tom Peterik. A quorum was established. Also in attendance was Andy Olsen of Premier Services.

Open Meeting Law Compliance Check: This meeting is in compliance with the Open Meetings Law of the State of Wisconsin.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, Moment of Silence: All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

Approval of Minutes – January 7, 2014 – A motion was made by Howells and seconded by Peterik to approve the minutes from January 7, 2014. Ayes – Howells and Peterik, noes – none, abstain – none. Motion carried.

Agenda Items:

- **Discussion with Arborist Regarding Village's Response to Emerald Ash Borer** – The committee discussed with Andy Olsen how the Village is responding to the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) issue. Olsen agreed that the Village is doing the right thing by removing the trees. Belgium does not have any large ornamental ash trees that are worth treating and preserving. Olsen further commented that the EAB affects trees of all ages. Howells commented that there are roughly 170 ash trees that are the property of the Village. The Department of Public Works will be systematically removing the trees as time and money permits. The Village did receive an Urban Forestry Grant for 2014 which will cover up to \$5,000.00 of the cost of doing this. Howells would like Olsen to meet with DPW to come up with a plan of action for the removal of the trees as well as suggestions of what types of trees to replant. Olsen will also consult with the City Forester in Port Washington regarding their plan for the removal of ash trees. He also stated that a variety of trees to replant would be best rather than monoculture. Olsen will develop a list of trees to recommend planting for the next tree committee meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm was made by Howells and seconded by Peterik. Ayes – Howells and Peterik, noes – none, abstain – none. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaity Olsen
Village Clerk

Approved by the Tree Committee 06/03/14