

Tree Committee

June 3, 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 members Tom Peterik and Don Gotcher. A quorum was established.

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 – February 4, 2014 – A motion was made by Howells and seconded by Gotcher to approve the minutes from February 4, 2014. Ayes – Howells and Peterik, noes – none, abstain – Gotcher. Motion carried.

Agenda Items:

- **Review the Recommended Street Tree List** – This item is tabled until next month. Arborist Andy Olsen was not able to make the meeting.
- **Review the Ash Street Tree Findings** – The committee was given a list of all the ash street trees in the Village. There were a few trees listed that will have to be double checked for easements. The Village Easements differ throughout the Village. The Department of Public Works has begun removing trees. They have removed 22 trees so far. In total there are approximately 160 Street Ash Trees. We did receive an Urban Forestry Grant this year for the removal and replacement of these trees up to \$5,000.00. Howells is estimating that this project will take 3-5 years to complete.
- **Review the Progress on the PowerPoint Forwarded to the DNR** – This item will be tabled. Peterik briefed Gotcher on this presentation that he gave at the January meeting.
- **Tree Committee Budget and Alternate Funding** – Howells showed the committee a printout of the Tree Committee's portion of the budget. This includes an allowance for trees, landscaping, and other supplies and expenses. The Village Treasurer will add an expense line to keep track of specifically the items relating to the Urban Forestry Grant as well as a corresponding revenue line. The committee discussed the 2015 budget and proposed several ideas for the funding of the tree committee expenses.

Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm was made by Howells and seconded by Gotcher. Ayes – Howells, Gotcher, Peterik; Noes – none; Abstain – none. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaity Olsen
Village Clerk

Approved by Tree Committee 09/02/14