

TREE ADVISORY BOARD
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MEMBERS: TONY BARDES; CHARLES DAY; KORY RIESTERER; GORDON ROBERTSON; JENNIFER ZWARICH

03/25/2015
MEETING MINUTES

8:00 Village Hall

Present: Tony Bardes, Charles Day, Kory Riesterer, Jennifer Zwarich.

Absent:

Summary:

Meeting opened at 8:00pm.

Introductions of each member of the board.

Discussion of vacant seat.

General Discussion of duties of the Tree Advisory Board as stated in the village's Public Tree Law.

It was agreed that J. Zwarich would prepare a draft of TAB Bylaws using sample bylaws from other boards and circulate it for discussion at the following meeting. The bylaws will include things like defining conflicts of interest and conditions for being a member in good standing etc.

There was a question as to who was now the Board of Trustees Liason to the Tree Advisory Board. J. Zwarich will investigate and report back.

Motion was made to meet monthly at 8:00 PM on the 4th Wednesday in Village Hall. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Motion was made to assign the following initial terms of service to each member:

1. Jennifer Zwarich 3 years
2. Tony Bardes 3 years
3. Kory Riesterer 2 years
4. Charles Day 2 years
5. 5th unnamed board member 1 year

Motion carries by a vote of 4-0.

J. Zwarich introduced the board to the beta version of the online GIS map of the village's street and park tree inventory.

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Board discussed briefly the draft of the Tree Management Plan and 2011 Street Tree Inventory.

Misc. ideas set forth:

- Preparation of planting and maintenance standards booklet/sheet for the information of village employees.

- Invest in airspade?

- Eco club at Haldane has some trees behind school waiting to be moved/planted. Need root pruning etc to prep them for moving. Not sure if they are actively being worked with and by whom. Are these suitable for street trees or can we help restart that project? K. Riesterer will investigate and report back.

- Need to look into what volunteers are allowed to do on village streets.

- Look into community service requirements with the High School, local scouts, Justice system etc to see if these could be a good source of help with projects.

- fundraising

- need to think about how we can use the nursery—as an educational tool, a fundraiser, a place to store mulch and house trees waiting to be planted.

- should prepare a preferred planting list as part of the Tree Management Plan. J. Zwarich has several for other municipalities in the area and will circulate to group FYI until we prepare a local list.

There was a discussion of and planning for a celebration of ARBOR DAY in the village. Motion was made to hold a celebration/ceremony on Saturday April 25th in the afternoon on Main Street. T. Bardes discussed that this idea would be a good way to kick off the work of the TAB and generate community good will and excitement about tree improvements in the village. It was also noted that an arbor day declaration and ceremony is one of the last pieces needed for the village to qualify as a Tree City USA—one of the goals of the board.

Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

- Commitment to donate 2 suitable street trees at least 2" DBH was made by T. Bardes and J. Zwarich. T. Bardes also kindly offered to donate mulch and labor to pick up trees and deliver and possibly plant if the highway department needed. J. Zwarich will secure approval of mayor and trustees and coordinate project with village officials and staff and report back. K. Riesterer will compose a simple Arbor Day proclamation based on templates online and circulate.

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There was discussion of officer positions for the board and position of Tree Nursery Manager. Motions were made that J. Zwarich would serve as Chairperson, Tony Bardes as Vice-Chairperson, Kory Riesterer as Secretary and Charles Day as Tree Nursery Manager and that such recommendations would be forwarded by the Chair to the Village Board of Trustees. Motion carried for each position 4-0.

Motion to adjourn meeting passed at 9:45PM.