

# Victor Tree Board Meeting Notes of 5/6/15

**Attendees:** Regina Muscarella, Judy McMillan, Bill Bross, Bob Haggerty, Larry Rhodes and Gene Pratt

## **Discussion:**

1. The group welcomed our newest member – Bob Haggerty
2. The Arbor Day celebration and proclamation was reviewed including the article in the Canandaigua Messenger on 4/29.
3. The “tree budget” for fiscal years 2014/15 and 2015/16 was reviewed:

2014/15 actual as of 5/1/15	\$1580
2014/15 budget	\$11000
2014/15 remaining	\$9420
2015/16 budget	\$11000
Total \$ avail for 2015/16	\$20420

The remaining unspent dollars from this 2014/15 budget will be rolled into the 2015/16 budget.

4. The spreadsheet from Andy P. detailing the high priority trees for removal on Maple Ave and Colville St was reviewed with the board. John Turner had contacted Terry Tree Service and a bid was received from them(\$5980 for

the 6 trees). From this discussion, the board identified the need to develop a process by which the village residents are informed of the pending work on “their” property and what to expect in terms of the removal process and replanting(if any). No work will take place until this process is in place and approved by the Tree Board and John Turner. **ACTION ITEM** - Regina and Bill will develop a proposal for the notification letter. The Canandaigua Tree Committee will be contacted to benchmark with their process.

5. The planning discussion for future work was tabled due to Andy being out of town.
6. The need to inform village residents of the activities of the Tree Board and the new tree ordinance was discussed . The next mailing to all village residents will be the water/sewer billing which will go out at the e/o June. The desire is to couple a Tree Board newsletter with this mailing. **ACTION ITEM-** Gene to author a newsletter for review with the group at or before our next meeting .
7. A benchmarking activity is desired with other Tree Boards to better understand their organizational structure and responsibilities. **ACTION ITEM-** Bill to contact the Canandaigua Tree Board and share with Gene.
8. John Turner has applied for a grant through “Street Scapes” for \$15k which will be utilized for the Village Hall

Parking Lot. Bill Bross volunteered to be our point person for grants due to his experiences in working on the efforts for restoration of Lagoon Park in Canandaigua.

**NEXT MEETING: June 3 at 7:00PM at the Village Hall**