

Tree Board Meeting Notes of 12/10/18

Attendees: L. Beckinghausen, B. Haggett, R. Quinnan, B. Bross, G. Pratt and C. Luley(via phone)

Discussion:

1. Placement of Library Tree – Tim Niver contacted the Tree Board regarding a potted crabapple tree that currently is inside the library and was used as a “caring tree”. The tree will be transported to the village DPW garage and stored for spring planting.
2. Crown reduction of tree at 233 Maple Ave – This has not been completed. The purpose is to decrease the risk of structural failure and extend the life of the tree. Gene will check with J. Turner
3. Tree Board Recruitment – Regina leads the effort with the recruitment of Maureen Hiler!
4. Cornell Oak Trees – The trees available from Cornell will be reserved by Chris for spring planting. The purchase of 4 trees has been approved by the Tree Board.
5. 2019 Arbor Day Event & Tree Order – Rothbury Circle will be the site of our 2019 event. Two dates have been identified as possibilities and are April 20 & 27. Arbor Day is actually Friday, April 26. A final date will be chosen at next meeting. It’s imperative that we determine asap the tree count and species needed for our bare root order to Schictell’s . We will meet on Wednesday, 12/19 at 10AM to determine planting sites and tree selection. John Turner and Chris Luley will be attending. We will meet at the end of Rothbury Circle.

6. Tree City USA & Growth Award Applications – Gene has submitted the Tree City USA application and the Growth Award is awaiting Gary Hadden’s approval for submission.
7. DEC Grant Status – The process is going well under Bob Haggett’s direction. We should be able to start work on the management plan within the next couple of months. Bob will contact Michelle Higgins at DEC for her input as to when we can expect to get contract approval as well as start work approval.
8. Town of Victor Parks and Rec Input from Tree Board – Brian Emelson has requested input from the Tree Board for their Master Plan update. Gene will respond per the input from members at the meeting.

Next Meeting: Jan 14 at 7PM at the library