

Tree Board Meeting Notes of May 10, 2021

Attendees: LeiAnna Beckinghausen, Ruth Nellis, Regina Muscarella, Rose Quinnan , Michele Chalupa, Bill Bross, Bob Haggett, Josh Galiley and Gene Pratt

Discussion:

1. Arbor Day and Plantings – A total of 13 trees were planted this year for the spring planting. Sites included Rothbury Circle, High Street, Maple Ave, East St, Colville St and Meade Square Park. The formal Arbor Day celebration took place in Meade Park with Mayor Gary Hadden reading the Arbor Day proclamation on May 1.
2. Municipal Park Ash Trees – A group of ash trees were removed by John Turner’s DPW residing in the wooded perimeter of the park. Plans are in place to treat the designated trees for the emerald ash borer. This is done every three years.
3. Gypsy Moth Infestation – The caterpillars are emerging from the egg sacks and are evident in the local area. Upon inspection of the trees at the Municipal Park after removing the protective tubing, many of the newly planted trees had a significant number of egg sacks and newly hatched caterpillars on them. Josh Galiley was contacted and recommended that the trees be sprayed as well as wrapped with a protective band that inhibits

movement of the caterpillars up and down the tree. The DPW folks purchased the material and have sprayed and wrapped the trees.

4. Park Bench – Regina reported that we are waiting for a concept drawing from Mike Houser. The bench will be funded by the Village Arbor Day Fund which is privately funded .
5. Meade Park – Ruth mentioned that the amount of mulch applied to the trees in the park may be too deep. Bob will check this out and remedy the situation if needed.

Next Meeting – June 7 at 7PM via ZOOM