

MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF ELBURN TREE BOARD  
OCTOBER 2, 2017

Members Present: Commissioners Ryan Anderson, Chris Gould, Mary Gustafson, Rob Houtz, Chris Mulvihill, Chairman Jeff Metcalf

Members Absent: Carolyn Jansons

Staff Members Present: Village Administrator John Nevenhoven, Public Works Supt Phil VanBogaert

Others Present:

1. Call to Order – Chairman Metcalf called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Chairman Metcalf led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public Comment – None
4. Roll Call – A roll call ensued.
5. Approve Tree Board Minutes – September 5, 2018 – A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mulvihill and seconded by Gustafson. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
6. Arborist Update
  - a. Fall Tree Plantings – Public Works Supt VanBogaert said we hope to get a total of 60 new trees in the ground this year. A list of addresses which will receive parkway trees this fall was presented to the Board. There are probably 600 tree replacements remaining and we will continue to replace them as money allows. Discussion ensued if Doty Nursery would offer discounts to Elburn residents. VanBogaert will discuss with Doty. If yes however, the Village will not coordinate—residents would deal directly with Doty.
  - b. Fall 50/50 Applications – No new applications have been received this month.
  - c. More Tree Removals Scheduled this Fall – The Village will continue to remove dead/dying parkway trees as needed.
  - d. Downtown Sidewalk Trees – As part of the downtown sidewalk replacement project, VanBogaert advised five trees will be planted within the sidewalks. Doty Nursery has provided a ranked list of five trees for confined environments. The recommended trees are more resilient to sidewalk and roadway salt. Discussion ensued of nearby communities removing curbside trees due to issues and the fact these trees have shorter life cycles and will have to be replaced periodically. It is not certain if there is a way to protect trees from salt—especially sidewalk salt. There was discussion that it may be a good idea to plant a variety of species but since the trees may be replaced more frequently, perhaps the same species is a better idea.
    - i. 5 Trees with Sidewalk Grates (3 on West side and 2 on East Side of Route 47) – A total of five trees will be planted within the downtown sidewalks.
    - ii. Tree Recommendations Forthcoming from Doty Nursery – The following list of trees (shown in rank order) has been received from Doty Nursery:
      - i. Ivory Silk Japanese Tree Lilac
      - ii. Armstrong Gold Maple
      - iii. Princeton Sentry Ginkgo
      - iv. Common Baldcypress
      - v. Autumn Splendor Horsechestnut
7. Other Business – Village Admin Nevenhoven advised Planning Commission training will be coming up on January 8, 2019 at 7:00pm at the North Aurora Police Station. There will be a Planning Commission and a Tree Board Meeting held in November.

8. Adjourn – Commissioner Gould motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. with Commissioner Houtz seconding the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane McQuilkin", with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Diane McQuilkin  
Village Clerk