

MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF ELBURN TREE BOARD  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

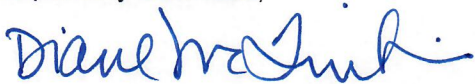
Members Present: Commissioners Ryan Anderson, Rob Houtz, Carolyn Jansons, Chris Mulvihill, Drew Peters, Brian Techter

Members Absent:

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

1. Call to Order – Chairwoman Jansons called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – The assembly recited the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call – A roll call ensued.
4. Public Comment – The Commissioners welcomed new member Drew Peters who gave a brief personal history.
5. Discuss:
  - a. Review/Recommend Approval of Updated Approved Parkway Tree List – Public Works Supt VanBogaert advised the Village would like to plant slower-growing trees vs. faster-growing trees that tend to split and do poorly after only a few years of growth. The list in front of the Commission is what Doty Nursery recommends based on the Village's criteria. A motion to approve the updated list was made by Techter and seconded by Houtz. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
  - b. Report on Tree Review with Doty Nursery – VanBogaert reported Ken Doty (from Doty Nursery) did a ride around town and feels the trees in Elburn look good overall. Doty also felt tree trimming in Elburn is good overall and Commissioners agreed. Doty recommends trees trimmed sooner after they're planted than later in order to allow a better tree to grow. Discussion ensued regarding the approved tree list—15 trees removed and only two added. VanBogaert stated this is what the tree expert recommends. The list is updated for current times and this is for parkway (not private property) trees only to create biodiversity and try and stay away from "dirty trees." Switching to slower growing trees will increase longevity. Elburn has been a Tree City for 21 years and we want to be sure we're planting the right trees.
  - c. Tree Planting and Tree Removal Schedule – The list for removals and new plantings will be finalized over the next month or so for the fall planting schedule.
6. Other Business – None
7. Adjourn – Commissioner Houtz motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. with Commissioner Anderson seconding the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Diane McQuilkin  
Village Clerk