

MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF ELBURN TREE BOARD  
APRIL 6, 2021

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

Members Absent:

Staff Members Present: Village Administrator John Nevenhoven

Others Present: Residents Robert & Amy King

1. Call to Order – Chairwoman Jansons called the meeting to order at 8:36 p.m.
2. Roll Call – A roll call ensued.
3. Public Comment – None
4. Discuss: Village Admin Nevenhoven led the following discussion:
  - a. National Arbor Day – April 30, 2021
    - In-Person Celebration – cancelled due to COVID-19 – Although the National Arbor Day Foundation cancelled in-person Arbor Day festivities, the Board was asked if they wished to hold an in-person event this year. There was consensus from the Board that no in-person event would be held this year.
    - Arbor Day Proclamation – The annual Arbor Day Proclamation has been prepared as usual this year even though an in-person event will not be held.
    - Tree City USA/Arbor Day Press Release – The annual Tree City USA/Arbor Day Press Release has been prepared as usual this year even though an in-person event will not be held.
  - b. Tree City USA Approval – 22<sup>nd</sup> Year – The Village of Elburn received Tree City USA award for the 22<sup>nd</sup> year.
  - c. FY2021 Remaining Budget Update –
    - Spring 2021 Tree Planting Schedule – Parkway tree plantings and tree removals will occur this spring. Not every parkway tree removed by the Village will be replaced because some trees were planted where they should not have been. Each proposed parkway tree planting will be reviewed to ensure adherence to specifications in the Village's Subdivision Control Ordinance.
  - d. FY2022 Budget Update – The new tree budget has been reviewed by the Village Board and will be approved at their April 19 meeting.
    - Tree Planting Schedule – The list to replant parkway trees removed due to the Emerald Ash Borer has finally been fulfilled. There are still some parkway Ash trees throughout town that will be removed as the trees' health deteriorates.
    - 50/50 Funding – With the backlog of tree plantings caught up, there may not be an immediate need to offer 50/50 funding.
    - Tree Removals – A number of tree removals will occur this spring. Tree trimming is an ongoing effort. It was suggested that perhaps a contractor be hired to do it professionally. Morton Arboretum conducted their Urban Forestry Basic Training class at the Village of Elburn's Public Works facility earlier this spring.
5. Other Business – None

6. Adjourn – Commissioner Mulvihill motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. with Commissioner Ryan Anderson seconding the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Diane McQuilkin  
Village Clerk