



VILLAGE OF ELBURN
TREE BOARD AGENDA

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023

7:00 PM OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comments
4. Approve Tree Board Minutes from March 7, 2023
5. Discuss:
 - a. National Arbor Day Celebration – Saturday, April 29, 2023 – 10:00am
 - Arbor Day Proclamation
 - Tree City USA/Arbor Day Press Release
 - In-Person Celebration
 - Veteran’s Memorial Park – 301 E North Street
 - Reading of “Trees” poem by Joyce Kilmer
 - Planting of Tree
 - b. Tree City USA Approval – 24th Year
 - Elburn has been awarded Tree City USA for the 24th year in a row
 - c. FY 2024 Tree Plantings & Removals
6. Other Business
7. Adjourn

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ELBURN TREE BOARD
MARCH 7, 2023

Members Present: Commissioners Dave Anderson, Ryan Anderson, Chet Cybulski, Rob Houtz, Chairman Chris Mulvihill, Drew Peters

Members Absent: Brian Techter

Staff Members Present: Village Administrator John Nevenhoven

Others Present:

1. Call to Order – Chairman Mulvihill called the meeting to order at 8:13 PM
2. Roll Call – A roll call ensued.
3. Public Comment – None
4. Discuss:
 - a. National Arbor Day Celebration: Saturday, April 29, 2023 @10AM
 - Arbor Day Proclamation: Nevenhoven stated that the real arbor day is April 28th.
 - Tree City USA/Arbor Day Press Release
 - In-Person Celebration
 - o Location: Cybulski suggested planting a tree by the tank at Veterans Memorial Park.
 - o Reading of “Trees” poem by Joyce Kilmer
 - o Planting of Tree

Commission asked Nevenhoven who is required to be at the planting of the tree. The Tree Board and Mayor Walter are expected to be at the ceremony.
 - b. Tree City USA Approval- 24th Year
Elburn has been awarded a Tree City USA for the 24th year in a row.
 - c. Spring 2023 Tree Planting & Removals Schedule
Nevenhoven does not have this information at this time.
 - d. FY 2024 Tree Planting & Removals Schedule
Nevenhoven does not have this information at this time.
5. Other Business:

Commissioner Houtz suggested that the Village Board have designated areas where trees cannot be cut down by Keslinger Woods; Keslinger Woods is adjacent to the Blackberry Township Cemetery to the east. Nevenhoven said for the foreseeable future, that property is staying as is.

A discussion was had about parkway trees and if there is an ordinance that states that residents cannot trim parkway trees. Nevenhoven to look into this.

Houtz asked if there could be an ordinance stating that residents would need approval before cutting down a tree 16in. in diameter or larger on their private property. Commissioner Ryan Anderson and Cybulski explained that might be overstepping. Nevenhoven to look into this. There is currently a Village ordinance regarding the removal and replacement of public trees.

5. Adjourn – Commissioner Houtz motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM with Commissioner Ryan Anderson seconding the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Katie Johnston
Deputy Village Clerk



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PROCLAMATION

Arbor Day – 151st Anniversary

WHEREAS, in 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, 2023 is the 151st anniversary of the holiday and Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and beautify our community, and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeffrey D. Walter, President of the Village of Elburn, does hereby proclaim Saturday, April 29th, 2023 as the 24th anniversary celebration of

Arbor Day

in the Village of Elburn, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Dated this 17th day of April, 2023

Mayor _____



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April 17, 2023

PRESS RELEASE

ELBURN - The Village of Elburn has again qualified as a Tree City USA! Thanks to the support of the Village Trustees and the work of the Village Tree Board, this is the 24th consecutive year that this honor has been bestowed on the Village. The Tree City USA program is a nationally sponsored certification program created and managed by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

Join us at 10:00 am on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at Elburn Veterans Memorial Park, located at 301 E North St, Elburn, to celebrate Arbor Day. Join your Village Officials, the Tree Board, Park Commission, the Cub Scouts, Boys Scouts, Girl Scouts and others in planting a tree in the park. There will be a short ceremony reading the Arbor Day proclamation, Joyce Kilmer's famous poem about trees, and an explanation of the importance of Arbor Day.

The Arbor Day Foundation cites there are seven important reasons to plant trees: they conserve energy, they help clean the air, they provide habitat for songbirds, they can increase your home's value, they help keep our rivers and streams clean, they fight global warming, and they enhance the aesthetics of our community.

The Village appreciates the generosity of Doty Nurseries LLC, Maple Park, for the donation of this year's Arbor Day Tree.

(Note to Press: for further information, contact Phil Van Bogaert at publicworks@elburn.il.us)

TREES

I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree

A tree whose hungry mouth is pressed
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;

A tree that looks at God all day
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in Summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

- Joyce Kilmer