

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ELBURN TREE BOARD
APRIL 4, 2023

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

Members Absent: Drew Peters, Brian Techter

Staff Members Present: Village Administrator John Nevenhoven, Building Commissioner Tom Brennan,
Public Works Supt. Phil VanBogaert

Others Present:

1. Call to Order – Chairman Mulvihill called the meeting to order at 7:21 PM
2. Roll Call – A roll call ensued.
3. Public Comment – None
4. Approve Tree Board Minutes from March, 7, 2023 –

A motion to approve the March 7, 2023 Tree Board minutes was made by Commissioner Dave Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Houtz. The motion was unanimously carried by voice vote.

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
 - o Veteran’s Memorial Park- 301 E North Street
 - o Reading of “Trees” poem by Joyce Kilmer
 - o Planting of Tree

VanBogaert said Elburn would be getting a tree from Doty Nurseries for Public Works to plant. VanBogaert encouraged the Commission to attend.

- b. Tree City USA Approval- 24th Year:
Elburn has been awarded a Tree City USA for the 24th year in a row.

VanBogaert stated that Elburn has also been awarded the Growth Award. A town needs to have a certain number of points to receive the award, and Elburn received more than the minimum.

- c. FY 2024 Tree Planting & Removals:

VanBogaert stated that the budget is about 17% less for plantings this year compared to last. Van Bogaert said this is not a concern because the Village is in a good position with few trees to take out.

VanBogaert said that Public Works occasionally receives calls with suggestions on where to plant trees. His staff does look into those suggestions.

6. Other Business -

VanBogaert addressed two questions from the last Tree Board meeting. The first question was whether residents can trim parkway trees. He referenced ordinance 2016-11 which states that a resident would need to have a permit from the Village. The second question was from Commissioner Houtz regarding instating an ordinance requiring residents to obtain approval prior to cutting down larger trees. VanBogaert said there was no ordinance regarding trees on private property.

VanBogaert also stated that he would like to look into the narrower parkways in town. Larger trees are being planted, and he would like to have smaller trees put in instead. The larger trees will eventually be an expense for the Village and SSAs as they grow and affect sidewalks, driveways, etc.

Dave Anderson commented that the Village has progressed very well in learning about trees and plantings. VanBogaert stated that residents are still planting trees in the easement, and thus they are having water/flooding issues in their yards.

7. Adjourn - Commissioner Houtz motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 PM with Commissioner Cybulski seconding the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Katie Johnston
Deputy Village Clerk