

# Mayville Tree Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

## January 16, 2024

Attendance: Laura Marsala, Robert Marsala, Sharon Smead, Elizabeth Lasser, Rose Clarke, Mark Smith, Jim Cricks, Robin Anderson, Mayor Rick Syper

Introduction:

- **Laura gave overview of:**
  - Why committee was formed
  - Purpose and mission
    - Monitor health of village's tree population
    - Make recommendations to village DPW
    - Map village canopy for Village master map via Diamond mapping system
    - Identify areas that need attention
    - Devise solutions/plans for remedy
    - Search for grant money to support projects
    - Work with Comprehensive Plan Committee to dovetail plans
    - Work with Lakeside Park Activation Project to dovetail plans
    - Educate the public on tree awareness and care
    - Organize cleanup workdays and recruit volunteers
- **Zones of concentration**

*In no particular order:*

  - Lakeside Park
  - Chautauqua Lake shoreline
  - Uptown green and streets
  - Rails-to-Trails
  - Residential streets
- **Scope of Projects**
  - Mayor Rick has already instituted a remove one/plant two policy.
  - Involve high school students.
  - GPS inventory of village and park trees.
  - Reforest Lakeside Park
  - Community education workshops at Mayville Library in April
    - April 5: Site assessment and choosing the right tree
    - April 12: Basic tree planting and care
    - April 19: Basic pruning
    - April 26: Plant a tree for Arbor Day at library
  - Establish Mayville as a Tree City USA (eligible for grants)
  - Establish an annual Arbor Day ceremony and planting
  - Establish a memorial tree program (fundraiser)
- **Committee Membership Questions**
  - How many hours/mo. are you willing to give the committee?
  - Are you willing to attend monthly or bi-monthly meetings?
  - Do you have tree knowledge or special skills?
  - Have you ever worked on grants?
  - If you are unable to commit to sitting on the committee, are you still willing to volunteer for projects once they are under way?
- **Resources/Grants**

*HUMAN RESOURCES*

- Adam Gollwitzer, HS field sciences/advanced placement environmental sciences teacher
- Mike Jabot, master forester and professor of science education at SUNY Fredonia
- Joe McMaster, former village resident and professional arborist
- Rose Clarke, Agriculture Coordinator, Cornell Cooperative Extension
- Carol Markham, conservationists, Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy
- Nate Morey, NYS Dept. of Conservation forester for Chaut. County
- Peter Holt, president, Westfield Tree Board
- Master Gardener volunteers, Boy and Girl Scout troops, environmental groups

#### **GRANTS**

- Laura working on Chautauqua County 2025 Occupancy Tax Program for Grants for Lakes and Waterways to fund park restoration (up to \$50,000), due April 1
- DEC Round 16 (possible), min. \$10,000
- Upstate Tree Power Program, NYS Power Authority (match program up to \$5,000)
- Chautauqua Region Community Foundation (Elizabeth Jones)
- National Wildlife Federation
- Arbor Day Foundation
- **Project Ideas**
  - Restore tree population along shoreline
  - Lakeside Park playground shade
  - Replace grove in Lakeside Park
  - Establish learning path within grove
  - Improve trees/shrub presence along Rails-to-Trails path
  - Work to fill in areas where trees have been removed due to ash border and pine beetle damage
  - Train committee members on GPS mapping system
  - Solicit ideas from members, public
  - Present regularly at Village and Town board meetings
  - Present regularly at Comprehensive Plan Committee
- **Fundraising ideas**
  - Memorial plaques sponsoring a tree, Moon tree promotion

NEXT MEETING: Feb. 20, 2024 @ 6:00 pm, Carlson Center