

Mayville Tree Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

March 19, 2024

Attendance: Laura Marsala, Robert Marsala, Sharon Smead, Adam Gollwitzer, Mark Smith, Priscilla McKean, Jon Ortendahl, Mayor Rick Syper

Discussion:

- **Review of Grant**
 - 2% Bed Tax Grant from the County submitted to county
 - Contained four letters of support: Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy, Cornell Cooperative Extension executive director, master forester/Fredonia science professor Mike Jabot; Martin Proctor, county legislator
 - Jon provided location map for grant.
 - **Web page on Village Website:** <https://www.villageofmayville.com/tree-committee.html>
 - The village has created a page for the Tree Advisory Committee. It includes meeting schedule and minutes, promotion for April tree clinics at the library, village tree policies, resources for tree planting/care et al., and an email address to which the public can submit questions, suggestions.
- **Lakeside Park & Grove**
 - Adam will have science students design a learning path to enhance the grove.
 - Sharon suggested planting a carpet of spring bulbs in the grove. We will need to do research on ones that can tolerate wet soil conditions.
- **Arbor Day**
 - Jon shared the application for the Arbor Day Foundation Tree City USA designation, a great brochure on the proper way to plant a tree, and the proclamation stating April 26 as Arbor Day in Mayville. Mayor Rick Syper will sign it.
- **April Tree Clinics**
 - Laura has created flyer, please share with friends and neighbors!
 - Register at Mayville Library or online: bit.ly/LEAF2024
- **April Cleanup of Vines along Lakeshore**
 - Priscilla proposed a work session to clear the vines choking some trees along the Rails-to-Trails path by the shoreline. Several committee members will assist, to be determined at April's meeting.
- **Fundraising ideas**
 - Adam proposed working with local nurseries to offer a discount on trees selected from a list of trees and shrubs native to Chautauqua County and western NY.
 - Memorial plaques and trees could be promoted on our new web page.

NEXT MEETING: April 16, 2024 @ 6:00 pm, Carlson Center