

Mayville Tree Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

December 17, 2024

Carlson Community Center, Lakeside Park

6:00 p.m.

Attendance: Pat Appelbe, Priscilla McKean, Sharon Smead, Mark Smith, Laura Marsala, Rick Syper

1. Because the Tree City USA application was denied due to lack of an ordinance and a formal board, the committee needs to determine whether this should be pursued or if it should stay an independent entity. The mayor said the Board of Trustees is a formal tree board, but this does not qualify.
2. The matching funds of \$1,280 will go toward a May planting.
3. Sharon reported that the shoreline riparian buffer brochures are now at the Village offices.
4. Further discussion was held on the possible tree care workshops at the library.
5. Priscilla presented a price list from Johnson's Nursery for the Purple Heart Trail. Additional trees and shrubs were recommended by JN.
6. Holding an tree essay or poster contest for elementary students was discussed. Pat offered to contract John McCain or Josh Liddell at the school. It was proposed that the 2025 Arbor Day ceremony be held on school grounds, maybe near the electronic sign.
7. A new DEC grant is available for tree funding. Laura will attend a webinar to find out more information.
8. Plans for the Tim Horton's were reviewed and several suggestions were made to align the business with the committee's goal of improving the Village canopy. They included: not using grasses; populating the hill with canopy trees for a better transition into the residential area and prevent sleds from entering the driveway area; all plants and shrubs should be native to Chautauqua Co.; more foliage to mask the building; specific suggestions on trees and plants.

The next meeting: Dec. 17, 6:00 p.m. at the Carlson Center.

