

Minutes of the Tree Advisory Board

Wednesday May 5, 2021

6:00 pm

Building 100 at Richard Outhouse Park

Prepared by Bill Mehls

(Please contact him with corrections and/or additions.)

Members: (x indicates attended)

Judi Cermak	x	John Goodwin	x	Ellen Polimeni	x
Stephanie Crimm	-	Shawn Kenaley	-	Dave Poteet	-
Elizabeth Hane	x	Bill Mehls	x	Berna Ticonchuk	x
		Laura Ouimette	x		

Also in attendance: Pam Hart

Joint Meeting with the Town of Canandaigua Tree Team

Members present were Dennis Brewer, Edith Davey, Dan Marion, and Sarah Reynolds.

Discussion:

The Town TT was formed in February 2020 to keep tabs on the trees on Town owned properties. They have reviewed the trees in the town cemeteries and will begin reviewing the trees in the town parks soon. They do not have many street/highway trees. Some on Route 332. They have developed an informational pamphlet on the spotted lantern fly.

The City TAB gave a bit of history and projects they have pursued over the ten years of their existence. (* Note: The City TAB began meeting in May of 2011 *)

They keep tabs on the City trees, including 4,500+ street trees, two cemeteries and the city parks. They also field requests and questions from residents on City street trees, as well as review landscape plans for new building projects at the request of the City Planning Commission. They have developed informational pamphlets on volcano mulching and the emerald ash borer, and also established a Heritage Tree program and an Urban Forest Master Tree Plan. There is a Tree Inventory spreadsheet that is maintained by the City Arborist. This is the City's 29th year as a Tree City USA.

A concern was raised over the ailanthus trees (aka. tree of heaven), as hosts to the spotted lantern fly, which surround the parking lot at the Cooperative Extension Building on North Main Street in Canandaigua and in the Sand Hill Cemetery. Bill will contact Shawn Kenaly and Rich Russell to alert them to this potential aid to an invasive species.

Gypsy moths were also discussed. This year's crop may be reduced by the current weather conditions which favors the fungus that kills them. There will be aerial spraying at Onanda Park and some local properties. The parasitic wasps are also attacking the tiny newly hatched caterpillars. The boom and bust cycle may be in our favor too. Time will tell.

Two other topics of discussion were the street trees in the Middle Cheshire Road development and the species of dogwood trees in the area, which are flowering now.

We scheduled our next combined meeting for Wednesday September 15th at 6 pm at Kershaw Park - Pavillion 5 (near Twisted Rail Brewery)

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News and Notes:

-The Rotary Club was not able to locate a supply of saplings to pass out to Primary School children this year. Hopefully they'll be able to resume that project next year.

**The next meeting of the City TAB is scheduled for
Wednesday June 2, 2021 at 6:30 pm
at Jefferson Park**

Agenda items:

Review first three pages of the Urban Master Tree plan.

Review Heritage Tree nominations.