

Minutes of the Tree Advisory Board

Wednesday September 15, 2021

6:00 pm

on Zoom

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	x	Shawn Kenaley	x	Dave Poteet	-
Elizabeth Hane	x	Bill Mehls	x	Berna Ticonchuk	-
		Laura Ouimette	x		

Also in attendance: None

Joint Meeting with the Town of Canandaigua Tree Team

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

Onanda Park spraying- The Town contracted with Rebecca Lynn and Charlie Webber to spray the 75 upland acres at Onanda Park with a biological agent in June to lessen the gypsy moth infestation. Other private landowners in the town and in Bristol also participated. This year's defoliation was significantly less than last year. Other areas that were not sprayed also reported less defoliation this year. The cost was \$60 per acre. The DEC plans to do a flyover to assess the effectiveness of the spraying and an FLCC student plans to do a survey of the egg masses.

Two other factors helped lessen this year's infestation- the virus which kills the caterpillars and the parasitic wasp that exploits the egg masses.

Other discussion- The Town Tree Team was included in the plans for the Inclusive Playground at Outhouse Park providing soil testing and planting recommendations. Their participation in development projects may be more official in the future, especially if they become a Tree City USA community. Ellen volunteered to consult with the Tree Team on their application.

Bill will send the City list of recommended and not recommended trees to the Tree Team.

City budget- Budget planning has started for next year. The extra park maintenance worker that was in the budget for last year was cut due to Covid-caused low revenue projections. There is a need for more resources for city parks and street tree maintenance, especially with the pesticide moratorium in place, however John already has requests for nine new positions throughout the city staff. Decisions about positions for next year will begin after November 1 when the proposed budget is presented.

News and Notes:

Dead trees- There are three dead trees in the rain gardens downtown. The planting area is too small.

Tree blight- Rhytisma acerinum, or Tar Spot, is heavy in the city maple trees this year. This is mostly cosmetic and the trees will leaf out again in spring.

Tree Canopy survey- This is part of the Natural Resources Survey which is still in progress

Sonnenberg Symposium- Shawn will be a presenter at the Fall Garden Symposium on October 2 from 10-3 pm.

**The next meeting of the City TAB is scheduled for
Wednesday October 6, 2021 at 6:30 pm at the Kershaw Park Pavillion near the
Twisted Rail Brewery**

**The next meeting of the Town Tree Team is scheduled for
Monday October 11, 2021 at 6:00 pm**