

## Minutes of the Tree Advisory Board

Wednesday May 2, 2018

6:30 pm City Hall - Court Room

Prepared by Bill Mehls

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

Members: ( x indicates attended)

Stephanie Crimm	x	Bill Mehls	x	Dave Poteet	x
Judi Cermak	x	Roger Morse	-	Berna Ticonchuk	-
John Goodwin	-	Laura Ouimette	x		

Also in attendance: Ellen Polimeni, Mayor  
Pam Hart, seasonal resident

**Torsten Rhode's letter:** We reviewed his letter and Laura will respond to him about his concerns. Discussion centered on

- pruning: "We are never done lifting." There is not enough staff to cover even one Ward per season. We would need two additional employees just for lifting. Cost +/- \$200,000. (Currently planting 115 trees. As many bare root as possible but some do better as ball and burlap.)
- Right of Way parking. This is a recurring problem on Charlotte. Ellen will ask the Police Chief to ticket cars. Usually a warning is given first, then a ticket.

**Heritage Trees:** Dave did some editing and turned the paper forms into digital format that can be posted on the City website. He will send them to John. (The Nolan's mulberry tree was balled, removed and will return. It was reported.)

**EAB Brochure:** Ellen is waiting for them to be printed. (There are 3000 addresses in the City.) She will contact the scouts to have them distributed or have them mailed with the water bills.

**Melissa's Tree:** The City planted a Katsura tree in Lakefront park in Melissa Virag's honor on Arbor Day. The Botanical Society has donated \$100 towards a placque to be cemented in place identifying the tree and its significance.

### News and Notes:

**Lagoon Park:** The DAR is sponsoring a butterfly garden there.

**Fundraiser:** Ellen showed a book "Trees of NY" that has beautiful pictures and a little writing about notable trees in New York City. Something similar could be created, maybe as a fundraiser.

**Nurseries:** The two tree nurseries that the City uses are Schicktel's and Chestnut Ridge.

**Statistics:** Laura's Stats- 2018 Falling Tree deaths= 49; Struck by Lightning= 0; Falling out of bed= 199; Pedestrian= 1667; Texting while driving= 1997; Lawnmowers= 23

**Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for  
Wednesday June 6th, 2018 at 6:30 pm at City Hall**

**\* Note: There will be no July meeting.**

**Next meeting will be Wednesday August 1st, 2018**