

Tree Committee Meeting Monday August 12, 2024

Present - Ruth Phillips, Mike O'Brian, Carl and Cindy Lohrbach, Jeffrey Kirkbride, Terry Nigh, Melissa Sapp, John Lockhard.

Old business –

- 1) we received a "No" on our request to plant a few trees on the property of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church (adjacent to their parking Lot)
- 2) The resident at 320 W Front ST has expressed concern that the tree in front of their house could fall onto the house. Our committee has inspected the tree and determined it to be healthy, but also close in its upper branches to the home. We have decided to ask Steph Miller for opinion to see if she believes there is an elevated risk of house damage due to proximity of upper branches.
- 3) Three Work orders were turned in During July by Jeffrey K to the Mayor - (A) Cut down tree at 318 Bond Street...(B) Clean up and reseed the 12 tree stumps removed in June (C) Cut down the two trees marked with a red X at College and Pine St and in front of Town Hall Questions concerning this- "When will these three work orders be accomplished?" We request the reseeding be done by October 1 and the 318 Bond street tree be removed by October 1. Red X trees removed by January 1. Jeffrey will check with Mayor and Street department to see if this will be done.

New Business –

- 1) The Water wagon is purchased. The two 250-gallon water jugs are purchased and permanently installed onto the wagon. This installation took about 70 hours of volunteer work. These hours will be reported to our Tree City USA documentation. The wagon was about \$1500. No Cost to the Village
- 2) Pemberville Fair Parade - -----Our committee will walk in the Grand Parade at 1 pm on Saturday August 17. -----A few members of the Committee have purchased Tree Commission T-Shirts for us to wear and candy for us to distribute along the way. -----We have received 2000 Arbor Day flyers to distribute along the parade route and for later this year.
- 3) We have received permission to cut down two Arborvitae trees at the corner of Elm St and College Ave. This will be done before the Fair begins. These trees block vision of vehicles trying to turn onto College Ave and onto Elm St.
- 4) **Most importantly** – We found out from Jeffrey that there is STILL no clear direction inside the Village ordinances for who and when diseased or "dangerous proximity" trees will be trimmed (or removed) if these trees have no connection to being near electrical power lines. Jeffrey will look into getting this much needed approval into the Employee Handbook at the next few Personnel Committee meetings. Otherwise, The Village has no recourse but to rely on Volunteers. The question is asked: "Are there any repercussions for a Tree Work Order request not being completed in a timely manner? Who is accountable for this NOT getting done? What enforcement is there?"

Next meeting is on Monday Sept 9 at 7 pm Town Hall