

Village of Mamaroneck Tree Committee minutes March 2019

Regatta Conf. room, March 28, 2019

Nora Lucas, trustee

Dan Sarnoff, assistant village manager

Beverley Sherrid

Gail Koller

Dennis Cucinella

Sean Gormley

Marlene Star

7:35 PM Meeting called to order.

Approved minutes of February meeting

Community correspondence:

Residents at 504 Florence St. and 319 Melbourne Ave. requested trees. Resident at 936 The Parkway emailed about a sick tree. Tony Iacovelli told resident he would look.

Two trees need to be relocated on Waverly & Ogden because they were planted too close together on a small island that is too close to the corner. This was done under a site plan for Suburban Carting so Dan said the site plan needs to be revised. Gail to email planning board, etc. on behalf of tree committee about how this type of problem can be avoided in the future.

Nora mentioned that the tree removal budget was exceeded in 2018 so money had to be diverted from the planting budget. The VOM board of trustees will meet to discuss using some of the reserve fund to pay for planting.

Update on tree ordinance:

TreeComm discussed adding that the village's significant trees (12 inch caliper or more) need to be seen by an arborist before being removed unless they are obviously dead. Village attorney will make final revisions and submit new copy to TreeCom before the next meeting. He is concerned we might need a bigger budget for arborists when disputes arise. Ordinance will remove mention of medium-sized trees. Less than 31 feet is small. Otherwise a tree is large.

Dan said new VOM land use and asset management software will help the village keep track of trees that are removed or significantly pruned. Beverley said she'd invite Tony to next TreeComm meeting.

Old business:

Spring planting. Tree RFP going out April 1. Due date for bids April 16. Beverley working on pavement marking for planting sites.

Pruning of elms: Dan said Almstead will do it next month.

Mamaroneck Avenue School trees: We need a statement from the School District stating that the trees would be for public benefit so village can gift trees to MAS. Dan to discuss terminology with village attorney. MAS curriculum will reflect importance of trees.

Warren Park bittersweet vines: Gail to meet Barry there on Monday.

Tree walk: Gail sending a flyer to Sally to promote the event.

New business:

Beverley suggested it is time for another citizen pruner training session. Dan to contact George Profus the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

8:45pm:

Meeting adjourned.

Calendar notes:

Next meeting: April 25, 2019 at 7:30 pm

May meeting date: May 23, 2019 at 7:30 pm

Clean Up, Green Up April 27, 2019, rain date May 9, 2019

Tree walk. May 5 at 1:30 pm; rain date May 19

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