

Village of Fox Point Tree Commission

Minutes of March 28, 2019

A meeting of the Village of Fox Point Tree Commission was held in the Village Hall Board Room on Thursday, March 28, 2019, at 4:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Trustee Eric Fonstad (Chair), Judy Shirley, Louise Petering, & Karen Grube

Absent: Ramsey Radakovich

Ex Officio: John Gall, Village Forester

The meeting notice was mailed to the *North Shore Now* and to all others as required by the State open meeting laws, and posted on the Village website and bulletin boards.

Trustee Fonstad called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Also in attendance was Al Witte, 220 West Cherokee Circle, Fox Point.

Persons Desiring to be Heard: None

2. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of the December 6, 2018, meeting were approved.

3. Old Business.

a. Draft of Recommended Street Tree List

Forester Gall reviewed updates to the Recommended Street Tree List. The updated list indicates which trees have invasive tendencies. Forester Gall also noted that he recommends removing Turkish Filbert from the list because of their vulnerability to canker. The members of the Commission discussed this information and approved Forester Gall's recommendations.

b. Update on Indian Creek Woods Project

Forester Gall reported that the ash trees in the Indian Creek Woods have been removed by the Village's contractor. He noted that it was a difficult winter for this kind of work. He stated that the stumps still need to be treated and that two box elder trees and two smaller ash trees that had not been marked for removal still need to be removed. In addition, wood chips need to be scattered, branches need to be picked up, and the lower level turf area needs to be repaired. Ms. Shirley reported that ash seedlings in the retention pond area were treated earlier in the week. Forester Gall feels that it will be too wet to plant replacement trees this spring and is planning to do this work in the fall.

Mr. Witte said that he was upset that large equipment was used to remove the ash trees. Forester Gall explained that the large equipment enabled the contractor to perform the work at a favorable cost to the Village, that large equipment will not be needed for future work at the woods, and that he does not expect any damage caused by the equipment to be long lasting.

Forester Gall provided a list of 230 trees that will be planted in reestablish the Indian Woods. He wants to involve as many volunteers as possible in the replanting project. He plans to provide information at the Arbor Day event and the Fox Point Open House about this volunteer opportunity. Ms. Shirley stated that the Garden Club is interested in donating some evergreens

for the property after the new trees have been planted. Forester Gall said that the replanting will be scheduled for the weekends of October 5th and 12th.

4. New Business

a. Forester's Activities Report

Forester Gall reported that the winter removal of diseased ash trees went well and that DPW personnel completed training pruning of young trees but were unable to do the Ward pruning that was scheduled for this year.

Forester Gall reported that the Village plans to contract to have about six ash trees removed from land the Village owns in Glendale.

b. Arbor Day April 26, 2019

Plans are in place for the Arbor Day observance at Maple Dale School Middle. This will be Fox Point's 30th Arbor Day celebration. An Autumn Fantasy Maple will be planted on the school grounds.

c. Discuss Future Meeting Dates and Topics

The next meeting date is Thursday, August 15, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. The members of the Commission requested that the Indian Woods replanting project and ash trees on private property be placed on the agenda of the next meeting.

5. Any other matters that may come before the Tree Commission (informational only – no action taken).

Ms Grube offered to write an article for the Fox Point of View about the Indian Woods replanting project. The members of the Commission suggested that the Forester send a letter to residents near the Indian Creek Woods to update them on the work done to date and the work planned for the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.