

**VILLAGE OF DEXTER TREE BOARD**  
**Tuesday, February 11, 2014**  
**Regular Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 am at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street.

**Present:** Hansen, Coy, Henes, Peters, Aniol

**Absent:** None

**Also present:** Courtney Nicholls, Assistant Village Manager and Kurt Augustine, Village DPS Foreman

**Guests:** 1

**Approval of the Minutes-** Moved Coy, support Hansen to approve the April 16, 2013 minutes as presented.  
Motion Carried

3. **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD** - Libby Beall from Dexter Crossing addressed the board, and complimented them on what they've accomplished. Ms. Beall asked for help communication tree maintenance to residence to prevent self-pruning.
4. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** - None
5. **PRE-ARRANGED CITIZEN PARTICIPATION** - None
6. **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**
  - A. Chair- No report
  - B. Tree Board Members- No report
  - C. Community Development Office or Department of Public Services
    - 1) Budget- Board reviewed the budget and available.
    - 2) 2013 Tree Planting Species Offerings and Order Form- Board reviewed draft Resident Cost-Sharing Tree Order form. Board discussed passed species offering and thought that 10 trees were ordered last year. Board determined the following species be offered for the 2014 Spring Planting - Sugar Maple-Green Mountain (*Acer saccharum*); Magyar Ginkgo (male) (*Ginkgo biloba*); Thornless Honeylocust (Skyline) (*Gleditsia triacanthos*); Japanese Zelkova (Greenvase) (*Zelkova serrate*); and Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*). Tree order form expected to go out in upcoming newsletter, and will be posted on City website.
    - 3) Early management pruning- Board discussed target areas. A site visit of the Village needs to be conducted to identify dead, diseased and/or dying trees. Members Henes and Hansen stated they do small (fine) pruning. Board expressed desire to try and develop a list of trees for management, picking an area and evaluating the trees, and then rotating to a different area in the Village each year.  
  
Board discussed updating tree inventory, but recognized it's a laborious process. Hiring an arborist intern was discussed. Board also questioned if the Village has the budget to maintain what's been planted. Consensus of the Board was to keep this in mind as it moves forward.
7. **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD-** None
8. **OLD BUSINESS-** None

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

A. 2014 Spring Planting Location Selection

- 1) Board discussion focused on Baker Road and Broad Street. Board surmised that 12-14 trees will need to be planted, including trees at ~~the High School~~ Creekside on Baker Road, by the post office and Hudson Street.

DPS Foreman Augustine reminded board that when trees are planted DPW has to water them, which is time consuming and expensive. Board concluded that water bags should be ordered this year.

Board decided to put office tree planting on Dan Hoey near play fields/wetlands for next year.

- B. 2014 Arbor Day Celebration Planning – Board was informed that Arbor Day would take place on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> this year. The Board discussed having an event similar to last year including coordinating with the Dexter Library story times, offering seedlings to be given away at the Dexter Library, and coordinating spring tree plantings with Arbor Day week. Courtney Nicholls offered to coordinate with Children’s Librarian. Discussion regarding staking the location of the new tree at Monument Park followed.

The Board discussed the ‘Charlie Brown’ tree in front of the florist shop by the camera shop. Questions regarding who bought and planted it were discussed. Members Hansen and Coy suggested it be transplanted to the berm between Monument Park and Cottage Inn.

Board anticipates reviewing Spring Tree Planting bids at next meeting, and suggested that Bloom landscaping and Lodi Farms be added to the Bidders list.

- C. 2013 Tree Board Goals and Objectives–Educational Information for emails, Facebook and newsletters- Assistant Village Manager Nicholls provided Board with an update.

**10. PROPOSED BUSINESS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

- A. Arbor Day Planning  
B. 2014 Spring Planting  
C. Next meeting date – Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 5:00 pm

**11. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD- None**

**12. ADJOURNMENT-** Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Aniol  
Community Development Manager

Filing Approved, as corrected: 3/11/2014