

Village of Skaneateles Tree Advisory Board Meeting –November 13, 2018

Present: Ann Neibert, Chairman
Richard Westover, Deputy Chair
Sue Jones, Commissioner
Kevin Sio, Commissioner
Sue Benjamin, Commissioner
Carol Stokes-Cawley, Trustee
Mike Gorham, Bartlett Tree Service

Chairman Neibert called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm.

Tree Trimming and Removal – Mr. Gorham reviewed the two lists, one for trees requested by DMO Harty, the Tree Advisory Board, and residents, and another list for trees that are disrupting utility services. He reviewed the DPW tree pruning list as follows:

- 14 and 20 W. Genesee, requested by DMO Harty
- 53 W. Genesee, Mr. Gorham has kept an eye on this one, many dead limbs
- 76 W. Genesee, along Orchard, limb fell on resident's arbor
- 81 W. Genesee, 5 sugar maples going west
- 39 Jordan, house clearing (trimming away from house) and cleaning
- 67 Jordan, Deputy Chair Westover suggested, house clearing
- 3 W. Austin, DMO Harty suggested remove damaged limb over driveway, clean up
- 16 E. Elizabeth, 31 Academy, 28 Leitch, all suggested by Mr. Gorham, clean up
- 150 E. Genesee, corners of Lakeview Cir., needs cleaning
- 170 E Genesee, clean up
- 175 E Genesee, 2 silver maples, clean and reduce weight
- 11 Onondaga, developed cracked, clean up and install support cable
- 42 Onondaga, clean up dead limbs

After reviewing the pruning list, Mr. Gorham went on to review the removal list as follows:

- 45 W. Genesee, 67 W. Genesee, smaller trees, declining sugar maples
- 76 Orchard, 2 Ash, EAB/declining/covered in vines, overall not great trees, Comm. Jones commented that this would be a great location to replant a desirable tree species, Mr. Gorham agreed
- Lakeview Cemetery, 2 sugar maple, one opposite Fuller and one opposite 94 W. Genesee, a lot of mechanical damage
- 42 Hannum, young maple on Griffin, new tree will be planted in this area this fall
- 35 W. Elizabeth, Mr. Gorham has been watching this tree, time to be removed
- 5 W. Austin, Mr. Gorham said there is a lot of decay on the top of the tree
- 174 E. Genesee, small maple, damage from truck drivers

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- 34 Onondaga, Lilac tree, new tree will be planted this fall, Deputy Chair Westover said this tree definitely needs to be removed this year

Deputy Clerk-Treas. Karlik commented that the resident at 103 E. Genesee, tree is on Leitch, said that the branches are getting very close to the house. He would like to see the tree trimmed, if not this year, next year. Mr. Gorham said he will take a look at the tree. Trustee Stokes-Cawley asked what the difference between the two lists are, and Mr. Gorham explained that each list is paid from different funds. The utility pruning and removals are paid from the electric fund, and the other list is paid from a budget line within the general fund. Mr. Gorham reviewed the trees to be pruned due to utility disruptions:

- 5, 7, 9, 11 W. Elizabeth, very dense, need to be pruned this year
- 52 W. Elizabeth, silver maple, clean up
- 90 & 94 W. Elizabeth, trees never worked on, clean up and reduce weight
- 61 & 63 Jordan, clean, thin, raising, house and wire clearance
- 16 E. Austin, opposite park, dead stem roadside
- 7 E. Elizabeth, sugar maple, dead limbs
- 36 State, corner of Academy, clean up
- 46 Leitch, been watching sugar maple, clean up
- 59 & 63 Leitch, 4 sugar maples, clean, reduce weight and line clearance
- 115 E. Genesee, corner of Onondaga, large ash, clean up
- 149 E. Genesee, remove 2 low stems over road
- 185 E. Genesee, clipped by vehicles, clean up

The removal utility list was reviewed next:

- 2 W. Lake, 2 maples close to garage driveway, Comm. Jones said they're not a danger, but they are not good trees
- 84 & 86 W. Genesee, declining maples, involved in wires
- Area opposite 41 Hannum, several dead boxelder and elm closest to road, small trees
- 8 Hannum, Norway maple, can wait, needs a prune
- 27 W. Elizabeth, Norway maple, leaning and decay, can be just pruned for now
- 48 Jordan, declining sugar maple, needs to be removed
- 24 W. Austin, sugar maple decay/woodpecker damage, could wait
- 13 Leitch, 2 large silver maples, leaning/decay
- 172 E. Genesee, decay at base, hit by plow/car
- 183 E. Genesee, Norway maple, declining, could be just pruned

Mr. Gorham said that anything that doesn't get taken care of this year will get rolled over to next year. Due to budgetary restrictions, not all trees will be able to be removed. A final list will be provided by Mr. Gorham. Deputy Clerk-Treas. Karlik asked if trees get marked on before it is removed, Mr. Gorham will be placing a white dot on the trees about 3 feet from the base. Trees

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will be marked around December 5-7, 2018. Deputy Clerk-Treas. Karlik will send removal letters to homeowners once a final list is received. She will also provide a letter to 174 E. Genesee and 42 Hannum to notify them that they will not be receiving trees this fall due to the future water line project. Comm. Jones will speak with Trustee Stokes-Cawley about whether trees will be replaced by the contractor doing work on the water line project. Comm. Jones said that the Board should stay active and involved in the process to make sure the trees that are being planted are appropriate species for the area. DMO Harty reviewed the September Tree Advisory Board minutes. She noted that the mini-park tree needs to be removed as soon as possible because the City of Syracuse will be working on the dam. Chairman Neibert said she will speak with Fernando to see if it can be removed and saved to be replanted elsewhere. Mr. Gorham said that the DPW list is all set, he will edit the utility list, and then get a final list to Deputy Clerk-Treas. Karlik.

Fall 2018 Plantings – All of the trees to be planted have been staked, and a final list will be provided by Comm. Sio to Fernando that will exclude 174 E. Genesee and 42 Hannum. Comm. Jones questioned when the trees will be planted, and Chairman Neibert said she suggested plantings should begin November 27 or 28, 2018. Dig Safe will be called by Fernando to assure that the planting area will not disrupt underground utilities.

The meeting came to an end at 5:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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