

MEETING MINUTES



Village Of Homewood
TREE Committee
February, 12, 2015

Homewood L&M Building
18355 Pierce
Homewood, IL 60430

CALL TO ORDER: 6:31 pm

ROLL CALL: Jim Tresouthick, Karl Persons, Carolyn Bury, Paul Kramer, Jason Baldauf, Maureen Guger, Regina Zohfeld, Janet Hernandez, Sue McCarthy

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Karl Persons 1st, Regina Zohfeld 2nd

AGENDA ITEMS:

-Old Business:

- **Tree Share:** The list of trees has been finalized and will be available for Chocolate Fest on February 21st. The brochure is not yet completed and will not be available by then.
- **Arbor Day:** Arbor Day is April 24th. The topic for the art bag program is “Trees Are My Friends”. Regina Zohfeld is helping Maureen Guger do the “Trees are Terrific” program.
- **Sustainability Award:** Sue McCarthy from the University of Illinois South Cook Extension gave a presentation to help us plan and structure the sustainability award (See attached outline). She has a masters degree in environmental management and sustainability. We will shoot for a 2016 kick off.
- **Tree Inventory:** Currently working on a tree inventory and waiting on a proposal for the software. There are negotiations for an experienced forester to perform the inventory. This in conjunction with the iTree software will help establish what the value of Homewood’s parkway trees are, which is believed to be about \$14M.
- **Chocolate Fest:** Chocolate Fest is on February 21st. We will have a table there to promote Tree Share. We will be there to set up at 10am. We will have the Green Thumb Saturday bookmarks available and the tree list for TreeShare.

-New Business

- **EAB Reforestation:** There are 226 trees remaining. Nurseries will be receiving request for proposals on 57 different species for replacement trees. . The balance of replacement

plantings will be contracted out. Each one of our trees is worth \$1,800.00 and is being replaced on-for-one by the village. About 2,582 trees were lost. By taking down 98% in house, public works was able to save approximately \$1.1M. All wood was disposed of at no cost. Loss of infrastructure value is approximately \$4,647,600, but does not include removal labor, storm water interception, utility savings, pavement longevity, and curb appeal. We'll never fully know the costs.

- **Sectional Tree Trimming:** The budget has made sectional tree trimming challenging. At one time the village had \$150k/year for cyclical tree trimming. Last year's budget was \$10k which allowed for 211 trees to be trimmed. This year's budget is approximately \$70k and some may be recovered from a bond issue. Tree trimming adds to the longevity of the trees.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: Izaak Walton is looking for volunteers to restore the black oak savannah. Several members showed interest.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: March 12, 2015 at 6:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT: 8:06 pm,