

**VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT PLANNING COMMISSION
TREE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING: October 24, 2023**

Attendance: Bob Newell, Nicole Arbury, Dave Thompkins, Jim Dyer

Agenda additions/corrections: None

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

- Tree activity
 - 10 trees and stumps removed on M201 – MDOT paid for tree removal, Village paid for stump grinding
 - Planted tree at 5th and Mill – Fall Fiesta (\$461.00)
- Tree Fund:
 - Barrels remain at the recycle center
 - Received donation of \$102 from gentleman from Cincinnati who likes our mission
 - Other than tree for 5th and Mill, no other expenses this month
 - Expense form application and income balance register now operational

New Business

- Consumers Energy Grant Planning
 - Confirmed grant will be available in 2024
 - A reminder that we pay for the trees up front, and Consumers reimbursed upon planting. Funds are available in the tree account to make this happen.
 - Need to identify 20 locations for 15 trees before April 2024
 - Need to coordinate with DPW
 - Need to work on volunteer engagement. Specifically enlisting “tree teams” for each of the 15 trees
 - Each team will be involved in planting (with assistance) and will commit watering the tree for two years.
 - Bob met with Zimmermans who will help select trees to avoid monoculture.
- Tree City USA application
 - Bob will work to gather necessary information.
- Barrel Collections:
 - Barrels will remain out for winter collection
 - The Tree Fund collected \$400.00 worth of cans from Bay Area Recycling at the conclusion of Uncaged.
 - We will continue to work with BARC for future events.
- Holiday Tree
 - An anonymous donor paid for treating the at the Mitten. Building is for sale.
 - We confirmed as a group that our only responsibility with regard to the holiday tree would be to act as a resource should the Village Council or Manager ask for advice regarding species or location.

- Arbor Day - 2024
 - Need to select potential sites
 - Prepare for celebration – April 26
 - Prepare proclamation
 - Contact Enterprise
 - Publicity planning
 - Contact school
 - Plan program

Public Comment: None

Adjournment

Next Meeting: November 28, 2023, 10:30 a.m.