

**VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT PLANNING COMMISSION
TREE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: November 28, 2023**

Attendance: Bob Newell, Nicole Arbury, Jane Gale

Agenda additions/corrections: None

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

- Tree activity
 - Planted 2 Honeycrisp apple trees adjacent to Northport entry sign M22 south - \$95
 - Replaced two crabapple trees removed for sign relocation
- Tree Fund:
 - Barrels remain at the recycle center
 - Anticipating another \$2,000 “can and bottle” proceed in early January
- Tree City USA application
 - Application completed and received by State Forester.
- Consumers Energy Grant Planning
 - 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.
- Arbor Day – 2024 – Begin work in January 2024
 - Need to select potential sites
 - Prepare for celebration – April 26
 - Prepare proclamation
 - Contact Enterprise
 - Publicity planning
 - Contact school
 - Plan program

New Business

- Committee Membership
 - Discussed the idea of specifically including a Leelanau Township resident to join the Village Tree Committee. It was suggested that we speak with the Township PC Chair, Steve Kalchik, to determine interest. Benefits include increasing communication between the two groups, as well as increasing the scope of our reach by including the corridor north and south of the Village.

Public Comment: None

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

Adjournment