

Lake Geneva Tree Board

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

City Hall, Conference Room 2A

The Lake Geneva Tree Board was called to order by President Kirchberg at 5:35 p.m. Present were: Candy Kirchberg, Constance Kosowski, Steve Peters, Clara Jacobs, Arborist: Jon Foster, Alderman: Tim Dunn, Park Board members: John Swanson, and Ann Esarco. Guest, Trish Schaefer.

A motion by Steve Peters, seconded by Tim Dunn to approve the minutes of August 28. Motion carried.

John Swanson again expressed a concern on the ash blight disease and the impact of removal of these trees.

The board again has a concern about being able to establish a plan for the next 3 – 5 years and being able to increase our tree planting budget. The Arborist has reported a removal of approximately 100 trees and replanting about 80. In a 5 year span that would show a lack of 100 trees being replaced. This becomes a great concern to our board. Our current amount per year in the city budget is \$10,000. Jon also mentioned that because of extra money from the sale of a Walnut tree, we were able to have some extra money in this years planting.

Arborist Report – Jon Foster continued his discussion on the planting of pear trees on Broad and Main St. in Lake Geneva. This is being done as the locust are removed.

Park Board Report: Park Board again expressed a concern to plant native trees as much as possible. Also maintain and replant.

Tim Dunn mentioned that possibly city administrator, Dave Nord could write some grants to assist in providing funds for tree planting. Tim also mentioned going to the Committee of the Whole meeting and stating our wishes and concern for lack of funds. They meet the first Monday of the month.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 22, 2020.

Clara Jacobs, Secretary

