

Village of Bremen Tree Board Meeting – Howell Park

Date: Monday, February 22, 2021, 5:30pm

Attendance: Troy Tripp, Jason Squires, Travis Kling, DNR Lisa Bowers by cell phone, Mayor Taylor

Guests: None

Old Business:

Remaining Budget – Budget reviewing the remaining moneys left in the tree fund. The quote on the dead tree removal list was greater than what remained in the budget. It would require Lisa to process an amended certificate to transfer additional money into the remaining budget if we ordered fall trees. They asked we put additional costs into next year. So, we may need to hold on tree planting until spring and fall of 2021.

Eagle Scout Charles Gordon's Project – Charles presented a plan to plant 5-6 fruit trees at Howell Park in the spring and he will collect the funds for this effort. Troy recommended if Charles received more money if he could help purchase some trees for the McCandlish Section of Howell Park.

Tree Removal on Oak St - Completed.

Dogwood Trimming – (see picture below) Travis took pictures of the tree that was trimmed at his property (447 Purvis – Corner of Highland and Purvis). The tree was not trimmed properly. Troy will talk to the Mayor to see if he will review tree trimming with the guys. The tree will need to be re-trimmed. Travis would be willing to train the guys. The guys performing the work were not wearing safety glasses. This tree did not need trimmed....but the tree next to it which had a lot of dead wood...was untouched.

Tree City USA Registration – Travis got logged in, printed out the new application and will prepare this. He will need volunteer hours. Troy will provide Travis with the volunteer hours towards the \$2 per capita requirement. 2020 arbor day not required due to COVID. Troy will include the money Aaron raised for the tree planting. \$27.20 per hour is the adult volunteer hours. There was a work day in the park and Troy will capture these hours as well.

Poison Ivy issues – Travis will send a list of the bad offenders where poison ivy is in the dog walks. Home owners should be notified through Zoning (noxious weeds ordinance) and should be removed.

Budget Amount Requested – 9k? for 2021? Troy will review at Council. 2021 budget should be broken into 1/3 planting, 1/3 trimming, 1/3 tree removal.

Howell Park-Kelly Property Update – Council voted to accept the \$100,000 donation thru Fairfield Foundation. Council also voted to have the Village Attorney draft up a purchase agreement. Once complete, our committee may want to tour the property with DNR Urban Forester, Lisa Bowers to get her assessment.

Gun Store sidewalk and tree – The owner of the Gun Store building asked if he could put in a new sidewalk and remove the locust trees in front of his store.

New Business –

New budget - tree budget has approximately 8,000 in the budget for the year, for trimming, stump removal and planting.

Tree City - Travis Kling has confirmed that he prepared the Tree City award documentation and that has been accepted. Lisa Bowers also confirmed.

Tree removals – Committee discussed tree removals from last year’s list. Mayor was aware that a tree at Rick Burns had died. We will confirm that later in the Spring.

Tree Planting - Talked about tree planting – Troy will obtain a quote for 3-5 Honey Locust trees from Acorn Farms or Keller Farms.

Travis had asked to dig out an area about 10 foot by 10 foot area to add the trees.

No complaints about trees. Wolf end of Strayer. We will look at that tree.

Troy will send out the list of the trees. We will take out.

2021 a proclomatoin is required but event not required.

NEXT MEETING – March 22nd at 5:30pm