

Minutes
City of Geneva Shade Tree Committee
Thursday May 26th, 2022 Noon
Finger Lakes Welcome Center Conference Room

Present: James Norwalk, Ken Camera, Jeremy Busch, Jay Freer, James McCorkle, Christen Davis, Tom Burrall

Absent: Joe Venuti, Charlie Rouse, Dahlia Wist, Jim Engel

Approval: Minutes for the March 17th, 2022. The April 2022 meeting did not have a quorum so there are no minutes. The Committee used the time as a final planning session for our Arbor Day tree giveaway.

Old Business:

- Lafayette tree planting

Neal Braman was unable to meet the early spring planting period due to staffing shortages and has elected to postpone the installation of trees at selected sites until late Fall 2022. Trees will be purchased from Hoadley's Wholesale Nursery in Auburn, NY. We need to replace the Chinquapin Oak selection with Northern Red Oak. We didn't select any planting sites that need and columnar trees so we will not have to order the 'Greencolumn' Black Maples.

The committee was adamant that this project needs closure by next Fall and that we need to make sure the staked locations for tree plantings are not lost over the Spring and Summer.

New Business:

- Missing Seneca St. tree, dead DRI trees on Exchange St. (hawthorns)

No updates about these trees. The DRI hawthorns on Exchange St. are supposedly guaranteed for two years by Watson Nursery.

- Cemetery Tree Removal update

No update. According to Tom Burrall, the work is being done weekends, but we don't know who is performing the work.

Tom Burrall wanted to know if we could use some of the money generated by his firewood sales to fund some tree replacement in the historic section of Glenwood Cemetery. Jim Norwalk said he preferred we focus on street tree replacement and funding for or Arbor Day event obligations. Jim Norwalk offered that any tree from the WWTP nursery that grows in a shape that is not suitable for street tree planting, such as those that have complicated trunk formation, would be available ideal for park and cemetery use.

Tom Burrall estimates he has fundraised over \$1500 from his firewood deliveries

- Fiber Optic utility project and tree removals

No update provided

- Assessments of WWTP nursery stock for Fall 2022 planting

We need to inventory the present stock, label individual trees, and identify trees which are ready to be planted in Fall 2022.

- Arbor Day comments

We agreed that giving away larger, more costly #1 nursery pot trees was better than the small tubelings we purchased in 2021. (Christen Davis will write FLT)

Next Meeting:

Thursday June 16th, NOON, Geneva Lakefront Visitor's Center