

**Minutes**  
**City of Geneva Shade Tree Committee**  
**Thursday January 18th, 2023 Noon**  
**Finger Lakes Welcome Center Conference Room**

**Present:** James Norwalk, Jeremy Busch, Jay Freer, Charlie Rouse, James McCorkle, Daisy Hoyt, Tom Burrall, Daisy Hoyt

**Absent:** Joe Venuti, Jim Engel, Kevin Reed

**Approval:** Minutes for the September 21<sup>th</sup> and November 16<sup>th</sup> meetings approved

**Old Business:**

- City IT manager Petr Premyzlovsky has contacted George Farnsworth about hosting the tree database.
- Membership updates:

James McCorkle (renewal) and Tom Burrall have submitted applications to serve on this committee. Daisy Hoyt will approach local landscape expert Jill Byington to fill the last open seat. Tom Burrall will contact Councilor-at-Large John Brennan about being our new liaison.
- No update on final Fall plantings and removals. Jim Norwalk will summarize as soon as he can confirm with DPW staff. He will edit the database to reflect this work ASAP.
- No update on the FLT articles Jim Norwalk is writing.
- Jay Freer reports that he has installed the trunk guards and that deer cages are installed by DPW in cemetery trees.
- Shade Tree information on the city web site

Jeremy Busch agreed to write a report about what information is missing and how it should be improved. Jim Norwalk will put Jeremy in touch with Petr Premyzlovsky to coordinate online updates. Outdated information includes membership info, mission statement language, links to complete agenda and minutes posts, event info, statement of who to contact with issues and concerns, etc.
- Crabapple grafting project has progressed with Wafler Nursery in Wolcott according to project coordinator, Jay Freer.
- Follow up with Arbor Day tree recipients. Jim Norwalk has sent Charlie Rouse the recipient list. Charlie reported that he has still working on the project. No update.
- North Main St. resident Joe Midiri sent another letter to the city concerning tree management near his home. Jim Norwalk forgot to attach the letter to the agenda. No action taken.
- New NYSEG trees and other problem trees:

99 St. Clair St., tree #7694 Norway Maple, 26" dia. REMOVE

141 North Exchange St., tree #9523 Callery Pear, REMOVE looks like ash species

154 Maxwell Ave, Sugar Maple, LOOKS HEALTHY, perhaps a prune.  
43 Oak St. Dead ash, REMOVAL COMPLETE

39 North Main St., tree #2254 Green Ash, KEEP. Still in good condition. Joe Venuti will negotiate with the homeowner to apply EAB injection treatments.

40 Elmwood, 10 Delancey, have dead hawthorns which were donated by NYSEG and transplanted as bare root saplings. REMOVE

23 Norwood Ave. new 'Winter King' hawthorn has a few leaves emerging as of 8/17/23. PLEASE WATER AND MONITOR.

115 N. Main. 'Snow Goose' cherry is dead. REMOVE

64 West St. Serviceberry has emergent leaves. PLEASE WATER AND MONITOR.

13 Columbia St. PRUNE

246 William St. NO OBSERVABLE ISSUE

No other updates.

#### **New Business:**

- The committee requested that Tom Burrall ask Councilor-at-Large John Brennan if he would like to serve as the council liaison.
- Jim Norwalk and Jim Engel will work on putting together the order for Arbor Day giveaway and nursery trees for this Spring. Possible sources suggested: White Oak Nursery, Canandaigua; Northern Nursery(?); Schott Nursery, MD; Schichtels; Octoraro, PA; American Natives, MD.

Jeremy Busch reminded that city nursery trees should favor small-to-medium trees, columnar trees, and fewer trees with fruit and the giveaway tree selections should focus on small-to-medium trees and ornamental trees. Our Nannyberry (large shrub) offer last year was very popular.

- Jay Freer asked that a dying Silver Maple at 114 N. Main St. be added to the REMOVAL list.
- There is at least one tree (honeylocust?) missing from the 5&20 median DRI planting that needs to be replaced.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 NOON at the Geneva Visitor's Center Conference Room.