

Below is a summary from our January Tree committee meeting.

REMINDER: Our next meeting will be Monday February 11th at 4pm at Lockport Main Street office (old post office). I promise we will have a meeting room this time!

Education

John F to bring options on educational opportunities

Community based workshop opportunity for continuing education for tree crew

Online training opportunity (see link below) Would committee be interested?

<https://www.treeboardu.org/>

Other public education

Sue W to work with Amanda to draft a couple of short pieces for use in paper, city web site and social media. Goal is for community to understand areas we are replanting, background and reasoning of trees chosen, how to care for trees and importance in our community

Can we get and put up Tree city USA signs in Lockport?

Replanting/Arbor day 2019

First round of planting to take place in late April

Need to identify locations and trees by early March to get orders in

Need to identify areas where trees/stumps were taken down longest ago and target for replanting.

Joe K to bring list of tree/stump removals from past (2006 list attached)

Try to identify a few streets where the most trees were taken down

Once areas identified - need to follow up with residents in the area to make sure new trees are embraces

Also - opportunity for public input

- do alderman have areas of need that residents have communicated to them

- should we put out on social media to ask for suggestions?

Committee will make recommendations for spring and fall plantings - focusing on residential areas.

Topics for meeting 3/11

Replanting –

- list of trees removed from 2006 sent to all aldermen asking for recommendations from their ward - target to do some replanting in each ward - to be sent to Amanda and Rick to bring back to committee
- once final list identified- will work with clerk's office to reach to homeowners to get their buy in

Arbor day event

- potential to replant additional around city hall
- park planting - Rogers Park?
- opportunity for boy scouts (Steve to reach) to be involved in planting
- High school wilderness club - Amanda to reach to Krista
- other school involvement - Becky to reach through PTSA

Community education

- Sue W to draft piece to use in promotion - educating the public on purpose of committee and replanting
- Jess to draft piece to supplement - if residents are interested in replanting on their own
- Amanda to work with John F to offer opportunity for community forum
- Terry to review tree committee page on city website and work to make updates

Our goal of our 3/11 meeting will be to finalize community and neighborhood plantings, community education and press plan and determine arbor day activities.

Look forward to seeing everyone on 3/11