

Lockport Tree Committee Meeting – Monday, September 20, 2021

Called to order by Chairperson, Rick Abbott @ 4:00 P.M. via Go To Meeting

Attendance: Rick Abbott, Mike Hoffman, Kevin McDonough, Becky Wilson, Peggy Cooke and Sue Watson

Minutes from the 6/22/21 meeting were approved as written.

Old Business/Grants: Rick turned the meeting over to Peggy Cooke so she could give an informational update on the Grant.

1. Peggy reported that she sent out requests for bids for tree removal and did not get any bids
 - made changes to the RF to extend it until spring
 - reduced # of trees to 25 from 50 – the bids are due October 14th
 - she contacted DEC to see when the next Grant cycle will be coming out – June – August 2022
 - she also asked that if we do not complete our program, does that go against us and they said NO as long as we are making progress
2. Mike reported that the Grant \$ was used for trees, stakes, strapping and water bags
 - NF was not on the same page?? (not sure I got this right)
 - we scored 84 points out of 100 and Peggy is meeting with Jamie and Michelle on 10/1 to see if we can get more points
2. Mike also reported that they were going to remove trees and stumps on weekends which would mean overtime
 - Peggy would like and up-date on overtime to be included in the report
 - 5 – 6 hours on Sat. overtime – our rates are 65% of what you pay prevailing wage
 - outside vendors do pay full pay & overtime
3. Jenna Hart put together a nice report for the Council to give to the public on how we are doing
4. Sue reported on different activities that were done with schools
 - clubs haven't started yet this year, but they hoping to do some cool activities
 - she asked if the urban nursery was still in the talks – Mike said that is would be nearly impossible to keep up with the number of trees taken down

New Business:

1. We will need someone to take over when Rick is no longer on Council
 - Michelle will appoint someone new, but there are new people coming on and hopefully she'll pick someone who will be as involved
3. In regards to the Nursery we brainstormed on who or what groups may be able to take the project on or at least help take care of a nursery
 - perhaps Boy scout or Girl Scout troops that need to work towards badges
 - Becky suggested 4-H clubs and someone even suggested that perhaps Cooperative Extension could start a nursery on their grounds

Meeting adjourned at about 5:10 P.M.

Next meeting will be Monday, October 18, 2021 at 4:30 P.M. –hopefully at City Hall.

Submitted by Becky Wilson