Lockport Tree Committee Meeting – Monday, January 25, 2021

Called to order by Chairperson, Rick Abbott @ 4:40 P.M. via on-line conference

Attendance: Rick Abbott, Mike Hoffman, Kevin McDonough & Becky Wilson

Minutes from the 11/23/20 meeting were approved as written.

Old Business/Grants:

- 1. Arbor Day Rick talked with Peggy Cook and she doesn't know of anything on the horizon that we would be eligible for.
- 2. Mike H. contact is contacting Dave Rechon re: USDA Grant to replenish trees lost to the Ash bore

- a list of tree seedlings was sent, but unfortunately they are all monster trees: red oak, black walnut, red maple –more for forestry restoration
- can get Concolor firs, they grow fast but need to keep trimming or they get huge – good for park areas

- talked about using some of the city garden lots for seedlings where there is water accessibility
- the city has approved putting deer fence around these lots
- Dave would like to do a short presentation to our group
- we could also go through Cooperative Extension

New Business:

- Arbor Day Mike H. reported that they have purchased trees through Russell's and could get a couple of Jack Pears, recommended by Cooperative Ext., or Kwansan Cherry trees and plant them in a park – discussed several of different park and thought they were all good suggestions

 contact at Cornell Cooperative Ext. is John @ jaf21@cornell.edu
- 2. Jessica Ditty sent an email that she is resigning from the committee as her other job is too time consuming; she would still like notices as to what is going on

Meeting adjourned at about 5:14 P.M. Next meeting will be on Monday, February 22nd, 2021 at 4:30 P.M. **Rick will send out access information. Submitted by Becky Wilson