

Lockport Tree Committee Meeting – Monday, November 22, 2021

Called to order by Chairperson, Rick Abbott @ 4:33 P.M. via Go To Meeting

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

Minutes from the 10/25/21 meeting were approved as written.

**Old Business/Grants:**

1. Mike said the USDA Forestry Grant was approved
  - \$22,500 for trees about 100 trees
  - he is meeting with Dave Reckum to get quotes put together
  - AJ tree service gave a quote of \$50,000 to remove 21 trees and grind stumps to be done by spring
  - Peggy will follow-up to get them on the contract
2. almost done with tree removal on Vine street, Asplundh spent days just topping; the city took the rest of those trees down in a day and that they have removed over 100 stumps
3. Brian Smith paid for 12 trees to be replaced on Main street from Community Development
  - said that the salt used in the winter may have damaged the trees that were lost
  - ask why sand wasn't used and was told it plugs the sewer system
4. Peggy talked about Grants
  - TD Bank may not give it to us because we do not have a branch in Lockport
  - we are going to reapply which is due 12/17
5. TREE is looking for projects in environmental justice areas, low income – Pine to Erie and Walnut to High??
5. Volunteers –
  - only way that works is if they plant bare root trees because they are smaller and need to be staked and watered and there is a small window to plant them
  - needs to be timed out well
  - how many people generally help out – 10 – 12; could get Boy Scouts or a group like Rotary, or Optimists or people who work at the community gardens (no to Community Service (Sat AM) or Niagara Co. in-mates??)
  - could the city dig 20 holes?? Mike said he would be around for consultation even though he is retiring in January

**New Business:** - nothing at this time

Meeting adjourned at about 5:05 P.M.

Next meeting TBD

Submitted by Becky Wilson