

Lockport Tree Committee Meeting – Monday, November 23, 2020

Called to order by Chairperson, Rick Abbott @ 4:30 P.M. via on-line conference

Attendance: Rick Abbott, Mike Hoffman, Steve Allore, Sue Watson, Jenna Hart, Becky Wilson ** If I missed any I am sorry as the program didn't allow for showing every ones names, etc.

There were no minutes from a previous meeting.

Old Business/Grants:

1. there was discussion on the work that has been done in the past few months with trees in the city
2. Treekeeper – Mike and Rick went over to see where trees could be planted and the info to log in on city web site
 - Sue asked about a neighbor that does not speak English and said that she had communicated with them about tree removal
3. Sue asked about the schools being involved, she also talked about saplings and starting the tree nursery on South Street
 - someone mentioned that there may be a grant to get fencing up around the wading pool at that site
4. There was discussion – Mike said that the ball root trees traditionally do better than very young saplings – 95% of them made it

New Business:

1. Not much new business – Rick said he would find out about the Grants
 - not sure what we can do with the Covid restrictions
 - we should be thinking about Arbor Day
 - the ones that the Blackley's had planted last year are doing very well and that Chris Landry's crew watered them and did a great job
2. Mike Reported that the budget was \$3000 for landscaping to plant about 10 trees per year – they planted 11 last year.
 - 113 trees were removed – 60% were Ash
 - trimmed 23 trees and took down 8 hangers and limbs
 - ground 81 stumps
 - \$7,800 – we could buy another stump grinder to catch up; wouldn't just be using surplus to balance budget, but for a 1 time purchase – hopefully?

Meeting adjourned at about 5:30 P.M.

Next meeting will be on Monday, January 25th, 2021 at 4:30 P.M.

Rick will send out access information.

Submitted by Becky Wilson