

DEXTER VILLAGE TREE BOARD

February 20, 2007

Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street.

Present: Coy, Henes, Peters, Bishop, Hansen

Absent: None

Approval of the Minutes- Moved Henes, support Bishop to approve the September 19, 2006 minutes as presented.

Motion Carried

Approval of Agenda- Moved Henes, support Hansen to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried

Public Hearings

None

Pre Arranged Citizens Wishing to Address the Commission

None

Reports and Communication

Chair – No report

Tree Board Members – No report

Community Development Office – Report in packet. Also added comments on Tree tags and tree inventory updates. Reported on the Emerald Ash Borer grant and that this is the LAST time that funding will be available through the State of Michigan. Reported on the successful winter tree trimming conducted along Baker Road by Green Street Tree Trimming.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Commission

None

Old Business

A. Landscaping Ordinance review – The board reviewed the updates and discussed additional changes. The Board will continue to review the ordinance at the next meeting. Sandy will try to craft language for certain sections to make them clearer. Cindy will review the documents punctuation and grammar and provide a redlined document for Bishop to make revisions.

Moved Coy, support Bishop to postpone the Landscaping Ordinance review until the next meeting for additional language to be provided by the board.

-Motion Carried

B. Tree Management Plan Draft sections review – The board reviewed the draft sections of the management plan and discussed what the next steps should be and what additional information should be included. Cindy will review the document and provide a redlined copy for Bishop. Cindy will also review the order of the document. Bishop will reformat the document in order to make it easier to read and will add updates as needed. Board members will review the document and provide comments on additional information at the next meeting. Consideration will be given to adding appendices with valuable tree planting, pruning and maintenance information. All board members will locate and provide information that they believe should be included in the appendices.

New Business

A. Spring Planting – Spring planting information was provided to the Board. Ann Arbor Landscape will be doing the planting again at 2006 pricing. Orders will be due mid-March for planting in April or May. Bishop will send out specific letters to all residents that have ash trees to try to encourage their participation in the ash tree replacement program.

- B. Spring newsletter subjects and tree order form – A revised Tree Order Form was provided to the board for comment. The revised order form was designed to focus residents on the last chance offer to participate in a reduced cost for ash tree replacements. The board made a few suggestions and recommended that the form be included in the spring newsletter. Additional newsletter articles were discussed. The board advised Bishop to include the Michigan Department of Natural Resources 3-year maintenance schedule information on the back of the tree order form for the next newsletter. A “Tree in the News” will be in every newsletter to showcase a different variety of tree each newsletter. Jeff will provide information on Spring Lawn Maintenance and grub control for the spring newsletter. All board members will help come up with tree maintenance and pruning information for each newsletter to help educate residents. Bishop will provide the newsletter deadline calendar for 2007.

Proposed Business for Next Agenda

- A. Tree Management Plan / Goals
- B. Landscaping Ordinance
- C. Spring Planting numbers and budget

Citizens Wishing To Address The Commission

None

Adjournment

- Moved Coy, support Bishop, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 P.M.
Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Filing Approved 3-20-07

Allison Bishop
Community Development Manager