

## **DEXTER VILLAGE TREE BOARD**

**February 19, 2013**

**Regular Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 am at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street.

**Present:** Bishop, Coy, Henes, Peters

**Absent:** Hansen

**Approval of the Minutes-** Moved Peters, support Coy to approve the March 27, 2012 minutes as presented.  
Motion Carried

**Citizens wishing to Address the Board** – None

**Public Hearings** - None

**Pre Arranged Citizens Wishing to Address the Commission** - None

### **Reports and Communication**

Chair – No report

Tree Board members – Peters commented on the Norway Maple (prohibit species) planted at the recently redeveloped LaFontaine Chevrolet site. Staff has inform the owner in the fall when the species were installed and sent a follow up email last week requesting an update on their removal and replacement. Coy suggested that this year’s spring planting should focus on planting infill as noted when conducting a wind shield survey throughout the Village.

Community Development Manager – Report includes items on agenda for discussion. Discussed 2013 Spring Tree Planting order form and species offerings. Discussed early management pruning on pear trees in Westridge. Next areas to focus will be Huron Farms and Dexter Crossing given trees are between 5-10 years old.

**Citizens Wishing to Address the Commission** - None

**Old Business** - None

### **New Business**

- A. **2013 Spring Planting Location Selection** – The Board discussed possible locations for the 2013 planting. Kensington Street, Baker Road, Dexter Business and Research Park, School Property along Dan Hoey Road and Other. The Board determined that the Dexter Business and Research Park entrance would benefit from trees being planting near the entrance, approximately 8 trees at the entrance along the Dextech vacant property. Species selected were a combination of Japanese Zelkova, Tulip Tree and Sweetgums. The location is void of trees and planting trees would improve the entrance to an important area of the Village. The Tree Board also discussed planting 6 trees (2 clusters of 3) along Dan Hoey Road between the bus loop entrance and the Steptoe property. Additionally staff brought up the need for 4-6 trees along the bank of the Mill Creek Park and the DAPCO Building (3045 Broad Street) recently purchased by the DDA. Staff will work with JJR, park consultant on species selection. The Tree Board expressed concern that the Parks and Recreation Commission be informed of the planting and that the funds be noted as park trees. The Board also discussed having an understanding of the fund balance in the tree fund.
- B. **2013 Arbor Day Celebration Planning** – Board members and staff to coordinate on Arbor Day, Friday, April 26, 2013.
  - a. Tornado acknowledgment was discussed. The Board discussed planting a few trees in Huron Farms and elsewhere and placement of signs in “Acknowledgement, Honor, Remembrance” of the tornado.
  - b. Banner – Purchase of a new banner was discussed. Board would rather spend money on trees and water bags; however banner does help raise awareness and community information. Board requested additional feedback.

- c. Seedling Giveaways – Board will give away seedlings at the Dexter Library again. Number of seedlings purchased will be reduced.
  - d. Library story times to focus on trees, Staff will coordinate with Library for youth story time theme.
  - e. Presentation board to be taken to library for display.
  - f. Event will be advertised on Facebook, newspapers, website, etc.
- C. **Tree Separation at Westridge** – per a Council request staff provided information on the tree planting requirements, typical lot frontages and challenges related to street tree planting in Westridge, specifically the distance or separation between trees planted on individual lots. Staff discussed the Council’s concern that trees are being planted to close together, the development agreement requirement that 2 trees be planted per lot and the ordinance requirement that there should be 30-60 feet of separation between trees to allow for proper tree growth. The Board discussed the challenges and will individually visit the site to view the circumstances. The Board did not take action and will discuss again at the March meeting prior to spring planting occurring. The Board discussed 2 potential options, 1. Require only one tree like the rest of the new subdivisions 2. Require that one tree be planted in the front yard and one on the ROW to increase the separation, but still plant the 2 required trees.
- D. **2013 Tree Board Goals** – The Board reviewed the Program Goals of the Tree Management Plan. This year the Board would like to focus more on education in newsletters, such as tree trimming and pruning practices and the value of trees and landscaping on property values.

**Proposed Business for Next Agenda**

- A. Next Meeting –March 19, 2013 at 9 am
- B. Arbor Day Planning
- C. 2013 Spring Planting – Resident Participation Update

**Citizens Wishing To Address the Commission - None**

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Bishop, AICP  
Community Development Manager

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