

Warrensburg Tree Board Minutes

24 March 2022

Members in attendance: Stephen Wilson (Chair), Jay Raveill, Paul Shaffer

Members absent: Bonnie Seymore, Ray Crisp

Others attending: Jason McCarty (Warrensburg Public Works), Sara Lawson (Daily Star Journal)

- The meeting was called to order at 4:20 pm.

- The Agenda was approved by consensus

- Discussion Items

- Jason McCarty provided updates on the Tree City USA application which was approved for the 12th year in a row. Tree City status aid in obtaining matching funds from TRIM grants. This year's grant will focus on trimming the Holden St. trees.

- Discussion of the Board's education/outreach efforts included asking Chuck Conner, MDC liaison, to provide a program on tree care and identification, and requesting an Arbor Day Proclamation from the Warrensburg mayor.

- Discussion on the purpose and plans of the Tree Board included how the Tree Board communicates with other groups in the community via the Board website and sending press releases to the Daily Star Journal.

- Other discussion items included Jay Raveill's suggestion regarding determining if there was a certification process for arborists and if a list of certified arborists could be posted on the Board's website with links to the MDC website.

- Due to the two year interruption in Tree Board meetings because of the Covid19 crisis, some members have passed or will soon pass their three year tenure on the Board. Jason indicated that he would discuss this issue and how Board members will be replaced with the Warrensburg City Manager who can bring suggestions to the City Council.

- Jason will provide a detailed Tree Board budget at the next meeting.

- The next meeting will be on 28 April 2022 at 4:00 pm in the Warrensburg Community Center

- The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 5:02 pm

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Approved by Steve Wilson