

August 2021 Meeting Minutes

08/16/2021

Call to order:

Bob Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. on Monday, August 16th, 2021.

Roll Call:

Bob Schneider

Dale Freund

Toni Baker

Allen Owen

Joe Nesvara

Will Karspeck

Josh Embrey

Approval of Minutes from July 2021 Meeting:

Approved by Dale Freund, seconded by Allen Owen.

Public Comment:

No public comments.

Staff Report and Committee Updates:

- Josh advised meeting will be held in Town Board Room from now on as it will allow the meetings to be recorded via Zoom.
- Josh advised that we are coming from behind on the battle against the Ips beetle. He is working on getting bids from contractors to treat trees before they can become infected.
- The committee discussed Ips beetle infection timeline and how quickly it will kill a tree that has been infected.
- Josh advised that removing tree stressors was important in helping to prevent infection.
- Committee discussed trunk injection treatments and whether they are an effective preventative.
- Committee discussed the insert that came in the water bill that residents receive.

Discussion of Homeowner Assistance Program:

- Josh advised multiple trees in old town are reaching end of life.
- Josh also advised that there are at least 400 spots where trees should be but are missing.
- Committee discussed options for reforestation; shadow planting and filling spots of previous trees that are now missing.
- Committee discussed options for expanding the town's tree nursery. Relocating the nursery will be investigated and discussed in future meetings.

- Committee discussed a 5-year plan to get the 400 spots filled so that the cost could be stretched out and we could give our nursery time to be able to support the reforestation efforts.
- Committee discussed resident education and how best to get the information to them.
- Committee discussed the options to hire seasonal help to assist in planting trees.

Other Business:

- Discussion about changing September meeting date due to scheduling conflicts. All agreed to changing the meeting to Monday, September 13th, 2021.

Adjourn:

Bob Schneider adjourned the meeting at 7:03 P.M. on the 16th day of August 2021. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 13th, 2021.