

# SWANTON TREE COMMISSION

Monday, February 18, 2018

6:00 PM

Mayor's Chambers

## Agenda and Minutes

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call
  - a. Lange, Lammon, Ledyard, DeGood, Miller, Heffner, Smith, Wertz; absent, Ledyard and Smith
  - b. Advisory : Hoelzle, Roth, Dzyak; absent, Hoelzle
  - c. Guest Jason Longbrake - SHS principal
    - i. Need to replace six ash trees that have been or will be removed in front of the high school. Mature height must be lower than security cameras. Could be only two on each side rather than three for a total of four. Would like recommendation for something attractive, practical and not too tall. Crimson Sunset Maple is the recommendation; DeGood suggested designing a master plan for the high school that can be carried out over several years. Example: Each senior class could contribute a tree. We should complete master plan by next fall. Jason Longbrake exited the meeting.
- II. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes (January 2019); approved by Lange, seconded by DeGood
- III. Old Business
  - a. Budget Report Update; current budget needs to be added to activity schedule/budget; Miller and Heffner to coordinate dates for 2019 projects
  - b. Tree Removal - Current Forest Condition Report
    - i. Comparison between 2005 report and Current removal list; this is being updated by Village employees
  - c. Tree City Application 2018
    - i. Status Report; no response yet
  - d. 2019 Gypsy Moth spraying
    - i. Public meeting report; only three attendees at February informational seminar (besides STC members and Dave Atkins)
  - e. Annual Report to Council - Report; presentation was well received

- i. Potential for Council Walk-About; schedule on a regular Council meeting night in late May or early June; Heffner and Miller to organize with help from Lange and Wertz
      - 1. Review Vermillion walk-about
      - 2. Would cover same topics included in latest presentation
      - 3. Would this be effort wasted.
  - f. Tree condition at 221 Lincoln - Report; complaint form was sent to property owner shortly after January meeting, he has not responded; may have been sewer work done - was it within 10 feet of tree? Root cut possible.
  - g. 127 Lawrence; residents asked for update on tree in front of property; STC members asked to look at tree; Roth will get them a complaint form
  - h. Complaint form should be available in writeable form on Village website
  - i. Area Selection for 2019 Plantings
    - i. Identify ASAP and Communicate to Gen. Public
    - ii. What should be done when homeowner does not want a tree?
    - iii. Need to concentrate on areas where trees have been taken down.
    - iv. Need plan to be done by May 1 (define neighborhood to start communication/education to resident)
    - v. Plan to plant at least 30 trees
  - j. 2019 events Planning
    - i. Arbor Day; Lammon and Lange need to contact schools, set up program(s) and choose site(s)
    - ii. Pilliod Park Tree Value
    - iii. High School Planting Plan
      - 1. Jason Longbrake to present need. See above
    - iv. Swanton hosted Seminar on Tree Risk Assessment
      - 1. Set for July 18; Stephanie Miller will handle setting this up with our assistance
  - k. Open Discussion
    - i. Overview of STC given to Zach Wertz
  - l. Next meeting, March 18, 2019
- IV. Adjournment; Miller moved to adjourn, seconded by Lammon