



VILLAGE OF WILLIAMS BAY

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OFFICIAL MINUTES TREE ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2024 AT 10:30 AM

VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL ROOM

250 WILLIAMS STREET

WILLIAMS BAY, WI 53191

THERE MAY BE A QUORUM OF VILLAGE TRUSTEES PRESENT, NO BOARD BUSINESS WILL BE CONDUCTED.

I. Call to Order

Clerk Kolls called the meeting to order at 10:30am.

II. Roll Call

Present: Trustee Robert Umans, Trustee Adam Jaramillo, Member Halina Marra, Member Bill Speare, and Member Don Skalla

Also Present: Trustee Lowell Wright, Administrator Lothspeich, Clerk Kolls

III. Select a Chairperson

The motion to the Select Trustee Umans as Chairperson was initiated by Member Skalla and seconded by Trustee Jaramillo. Unanimously carried.

IV. Opening Remarks by Chairperson

Trustee Umans briefly discussed the need for the replacement of trees in the Village.

V. Open Discussion in Regard to Current Williams Bay Tree Population and Possible Ways of Improvement

The Committee Members discussed ways to improve the tree population in the Village of Williams Bay. The highlights were:

- Plant hearty native trees such as white oaks.
- Utilize a nursery to start native trees from acorns which would be sold back at a low cost.
- Plant more colorful native trees by the lakefront.
- Plant open canopy trees near the lakefront to protect the view of the lake.

VI. Public Land - Update Tree Replacement List for Public Works

The Committee discussed the need to update the tree replacement list for Public Works and agreed that Member Skalla would prepare a list with pricing to present to the Village Board.

VII. Private Property - Explore New and Improved Ways to Enhance the Tree Population on Private Properties

The Committee discussed the current ordinance which handles tree permits and possible changes they would like to recommend to the Building, Zoning and Ordinance Committee for their consideration. The Committee discussed Municipal Code Enforcement Reports and a possible penalty/reward system. The Committee discussed fund-raising

options to raise money for trees. The Committee agreed the kit which would likely include a tree, a cage and a watering bag would be sold as a fund-raiser to be planted on private property. The Committee directed Member Skalla to create a list including size and cost options for the kits.

The motion to recommend Village Board approval of a tree fund raising event to replace trees on public properties with a goal of \$50,000 or 200 trees to replace lost trees after the storm was initiated by Trustee Umans and seconded by Trustee Jaramillo. Unanimously carried.

VIII. Set the Next Meeting Date/Time

The Committee set the next meeting date for July 30, 2024 at 10:30am.

IX. Adjourn

The motion to adjourn was initiated by Trustee Jaramillo and seconded by Member Marra at 12:08pm. Unanimously carried.

/s/ Tina Kolls, Village Clerk

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