

Montpelier Tree Board
Draft Minutes
November 7, 5:30-6:30 Memorial Room, City Hall

Members attending: John Snell, Abby Colihan, Lynn Wild, James Findlay-Shirras
Others attending: Jac Huettenmoser, Adam McCullough

- John S offered an opening remembrance of where we are
- Agenda was approved with several additions
- October minutes were approved
- No comments from the public
- Old Business:

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) John S discussed a report he and John A have prepared to deliver to the City Council. No new infestations beyond three more trees at National Life were found this summer. All city Ash trees were re-visited and two dozen were followed up on with no positive findings. Traps ten were hung around the city; no EAB were found. Traps are now cleaned are ready for use again next year. All downtown Ash trees were treated with Emamectin Benzoate by Parks staff.

Parks and Trees Department update: Adz/Jac reported they were busy putting away summer and getting ready for winter! A new fence was installed on half of the community garden/nursery with help from Norwich students; the remainder will be installed in the spring.

Fall planting update: John S reported successful planting out of two dozen more trees from nursery stock into various neighborhoods around the city.

Nursery Inventory: John S updated the tree inventory for the nursery and has a list of trees that will be ready to move in the spring.

Waterways planting: Shawn was unable to attend but John S reported that she lead a group of Norwich students who planted trees in two locations along the Terrace Street stream.

Festival of Trees (2/9/20) update: Lynn says planning is underway with further discussion at upcoming meetings.

Grates/guards update: John S reported that grates/guards were not ordered by DPW until late October and delivery is further delayed. He recommended we wait to install them until spring and instead opt again for re-installing temporary wooden guards.

- New Business

Arbor Day Conference workshop proposals: suggestions included asking Sarah and James to make a presentation on rain gardens. Also suggested was having Doug Pine present on bonsai.

Presentation to City Council 11/13: John will deliver a brief report.

Planning for 2020: John recommended we work on planning around the following topics at the December meeting; if people are interested in starting conversations before that on a specific topic, please let him know:

- “Siboinebi” Pathway
- Growing Neighborhoods
- Downtown planting
- Managing the nursery
- Educational activities
- EAB
- Workdays: TBD, John S will put out a date shortly, based on weather, for installing the temporary wooden guards around downtown trees.

Meeting ended 6:35

Next meeting: December 5th, 5:30-6:30, Memorial Room of City Hall