

Shade Tree Commission Meeting - March 30,2022

Members present- Mike Herzog, Kevin McGrane , potential new member Eldar Shuminov
The following agenda items were discussed.

Minutes of September 10, 2021 were distributed and reviewed. Motion made by Mike Herzog and seconded by Kevin McGrane to approve minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
Resignation of Bob Collocola , Reassignment of members to new board positions
Eldar Shuminov expressed interest in joining Shade Tree Commission Board. He outlined previous experience as secretary of a tree commission in previous residence. Mike Herzog agreed to step down as secretary so Eldar could assume position pending Mayor and Village Board approval at April 13th meeting. Mike Herzog agreed to fill rest of Bob Collacola's term, until July 14, 2023. Eldar will fill secretary position until July 14, 2022 after Mayor and Board approval at April 13th meeting. Kevin McGrane will remain vice chairperson until his term expires in July 14, 2022. Motion made by Mike Herzog to submit changes for Village Board approval at April 13th meeting. Kevin McGrane seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Arbor Day April 29, 2022.

Potential activities for Arbor Day were discussed. Resolution by Village Board to acknowledge April 29th as Arbor Day in Millbrook was discussed. Suggestion made by Kevin McGrane to have tree planted at Elm Drive as discussed at meeting on Sept. 10, 2021. Mike Herzog said he would contact Elm Drive School principal Mike Setaro to get site approved by the principal and Millbrook School District Board. He would contact Dennis Gendron, Twin Brooks Farm representative, to make potential arrangements for planting on Arbor Day. Motion made by Mike Herzog to proceed as discussed. Seconded by Kevin McGrane.

Future tree plantings.

There was a discussion of areas of the Village in need of more street tree plantings. Both Eldar Shuminov and Kevin McGrane expressed Alden Place as good potential sites for plantings in the fall. Mike Herzog agreed and pointed out that properties with trees that may need to be removed should also be given priority. There may be potential plantings on Franklin Avenue due to sidewalk restoration assuming grant funding application is approved by county for this year.

Potential Village Tree Survey.

Kevin McGrane brought up the fact that a tree survey would be helpful in assessing our current tree canopy and diamond maps could be used to begin the process if trained volunteers and arborists were willing to be involved. Kevin agreed to contact a person who had started that survey process in 2020 to see if he had data to share. Motion was made by Mike Herzog to explore a tree survey funded by DEC Urban Forestry Division if grant funding is available this year. Motion made by Mike Herzog to revisit this topic at our next meeting tentatively scheduled for July.

Motion made by Mike Herzog to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Kevin McGrane. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Mike Herzog April 13, 2022