

Mayville Tree Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

April 16, 2024

Carlson Community Center, Lakeside Park

6:00 p.m.

Attendance: Pat Appelbe, Catherine Hartzell, Elizabeth Lasser, Laura Marsala, Priscilla McKean, Sharon Smead, Mark Smith, Sandralee Wagner

1. For those present who missed the March meeting, Laura briefly went over the highlights of that meeting.
2. The Village Board approved a proclamation signed by Mayor Rick Syper declaring April 27, 2024 as Arbor Day in Mayville at its April 9 meeting.
3. The Village has revised its tree manual and it will be posted on the Village website under the Tree Program heading. Also, the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy has updated the Native Trees for Chautauqua County list. Laura explained the differences and noted that this list will also be available.
4. Laura is working on an application with Jon Ortendahl for Mayville to become a Tree City USA with the Arbor Foundation. This designation will require that the Village have a ceremony dedicating this day each year.
5. Adam Gollwitzer is planning an Arbor Day project with kindergarteners for next year.

Adam is also working with Royal Fern Nursery and other local nurseries to qualify residents to receive a discount on their tree purchases from them.

6. To date, two of the Tree Clinics have been held on Saturday mornings at the Mayville Library. These have been well attended by not only interested residents, but experts scheduled to present at the clinics.

Next, Laura would like to develop a summer program for children at the library to involve them with learning about the importance of trees and their proper care.

As a demonstration of what is learned at the Tree Clinics, those attending will work through the process of choosing a location, specific tree, then finally planting a tree on the Mayville Library grounds. Elizabeth Laser will donate the tree. The suggested choice will be a Weeping Red Bud.

7. Laura will make arrangements with Tim Johnson at the Village DPW for GPS learning.
8. Priscilla McKean has begun working on removing the vines on some of the trees along the lakeshore trail area in Lakeside Park. Thursday, April 18 will be the next day she will work on this. Any others able to help will be appreciated. Once they have completed the work, the DPW should be contacted to remove the pile of vines.
9. Sandralee Wagner reported that the Veterans Memorial Committee for the Mayville Cemetery decided at their meeting earlier today to plant ornamental trees around the new memorial at the entrance to the cemetery.