

# Mayville Tree Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

June 18, 2024

Carlson Community Center, Lakeside Park

6:00 p.m.

**Attendance:** Pat Appelbe, Laura Marsala, Jon Ortendahl, Sharon Smead, Mark Smith

1. Jon Ortendahl is completing the application for Mayville to become a Tree City USA through the Arbor Day Foundation, and Village Treasurer Jennifer Obert is gathering the financial information required for the application. Jon will contact Nate Morey, DEC forester for Chautauqua County, who needs to approve the application.
2. Laura will contact Tim Johnson from the Village DPW to learn how to use the GIS system. She will also contact Adam Gollwitzer to find out how the work is progressing on the Village tree inventory by the students.
3. Jennifer Obert has found that for the Village to apply for a NYS Climate Smart grant, we must be a Climate Smart Community. With the current administration, the Village will be pursuing this and prepare to be ready for next year's grant rounds. In the meantime, the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation has grants available.
4. Laura will schedule a time with Dan Engdahl, Village Superintendent, to tour Mayville to determine the areas where trees are most needed prior to requesting further grant funding. The rental docks, playground, and Rails-to-Trails along Bird & Tree Road are good candidates.
5. The matching fund program the committee proposed was approved by the Village Board at its meeting on June 11. Sharon Smead made the first donation of \$100, which will be matched with \$50 from the Village for a tree. To promote this program within the Village, we need a catch phrase and awareness campaign. Those present came up with a few ideas that we will continue to work on. It was suggested that we make information about the program available at the Saturday Night Markets at the Depot. Laura will contact Sorena Gilkenson to see if this is possible.

Sharon also contacted the Village of Sherman regarding its tree program. For the last four years, if a Sherman resident purchased a tree for their yard, the Village also purchased a tree that was planted on municipal property. During the term of this program, 160 trees were planted in the Village of Sherman. This could be another

opportunity for Mayville to increase the number of trees within the Village and satisfy the residents who want trees for their own property.

6. Laura and Sharon have walked along the trail between the Depot and Sea Lion Drive. They estimate that 15 trees could be planted along the dock rental spaces with room for 20 more along both sides of the trail that runs parallel to Bird and Tree Road.

Laura will also speak with the Village about developing a pamphlet that would be given to renters of the dock spaces. This would promote the benefits of trees and buffer gardens along the shoreline.

7. Laura will check into Village Memorial tree policies and possible markers for these trees from Art Samples nursery.
8. Laura will also check into the possibility of the Village developing a QR code for those wishing to make donations for the tree program.
9. It was agreed that the committee would skip meeting in July but would communicate via emails if there were any updates to the above issues.

The next meeting: Tuesday, August 20, 6:00 p.m. at the Lakeside Park Pavilion.