

Village of Scottsville

Forestry Board Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2025, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

Brandon Berger

Michael Souers

Rick VenVertloh

Wendy Marks

Discussion:

- **Recommendations for MRB/Grant Application for Main Street**
  - TAP Grant
    - Alternate transportation focus to encourage walkability and bike riding.
    - Should consider bike lanes, bike racks
    - Should co-ordinate with Trail Town Committee
  - Treescape Recommendations
    - Plant a single species to. Create a harmonious street scape to enhance the pedestrian experience and drive by appeal. For consistency and formality and to facilitate place recognition on Main Street.
    - Tree characteristics
      - Deep tap root vs shallow/spreading root system
      - Salt, drought tolerant
      - Insect and disease resistant
      - Minimal fruit or nut production
      - 20' – 25' mature height, moderate spread
    - Species to consider (All trees for project to be same species).
      - Smoke Tree
      - Amur Maackia
      - Mountain Ash (Korean)

- Estimate 28 Trees to be planted
  - Planting Method
    - Minimum of 5' 6' distance between tree plantings.
    - Follow Cornell Street Tree Planting Guidelines
      - <http://www.hort.cornell.edu/uhi/outreach/pdfs/CU-Structural%20Soil%20-%20A%20Comprehensive%20Guide.pdf>
      - Tree pits to be no smaller than 4' x 4' > to be considered during demolition and site prep.
    - Tree Grates + Fences
      - Protects roots and trunks
      - Allows for air, sunlight and water to reach roots.
      - Decorative element to reflect historic nature of village.
- **Arbor day 2025**
- Ceremonial tree planting in Scottsville on Saturday, May 3 @ 9:00 a.m.
    - 1 tree to be planted in Johnson Park behind Masonic Lodge
    - 1 memorial tree to be planted in Canawaugus Park
- **Spring Planting in Village**
- Nine trees purchased and tagged at nursery
  - Delivered April 29
  - Potential Sites:
    - (4) Main Street across from Legion
    - (1) Main Street beyond the Race
    - (1) Browns Ave, east side near Sandhurst, resident request
    - (1) Canawaugus Park
    - (1) Triangle Park
- **Tree Protection and Maintenance**
- Order cocoa tree root mats for all newly planted trees plus those planted in the past 2-3 years.
  - Board Member to install. (Marks)