

## **Forestry Board Minutes**

Village of Scottsville  
Wheatland Municipal Building  
Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

### **In attendance**

Brandon Burger  
Michael Souers  
Rick VenVertloh  
Wendy Marks

## **Forestry Board Vision and Mission Statements**

Vision: To provide Village residents, businesses and visitors with an attractive, healthy and sustainable urban forest characterized by tree-lined streets, well-planned parks and other public spaces, using the best resources available to organize, plan, develop, maintain and protect this urban forest.

Mission: To advance and preserve Scottsville's urban forest and public landscape while working with the Village Board and DPW for implementation, and, promoting the Forestry Board's vision to residents through education and collaboration.

## **Discussion**

### **Village Comprehensive Master Plan**

- Add wording into document to reflect the FB vision/mission statement.

### **Tree City USA**

- Michael S. worked with village clerk to apply for recertification. Application, documentation, photos submitted.
- Costs and counts provided by village clerk via email:
  - Tree Planting and Initial Care: \$4,567.00 (Cost of tree purchases, labor and equipment for planting, planting materials, stakes, wrapping, watering, mulching, competition control, etc.)
  - Tree Maintenance: \$3,000.00 (Pruning, insect and disease management, fertilization, watering, etc.)
  - Tree Removal: \$8,000.00

- Number of Trees Planted: 10
- Number of Trees Pruned: 175
- Number of Trees Removed: 7

### **Arbor Day – Saturday, May 2 @ 9:30 a.m.**

- To be held in conjunction with ‘Love Your Parks Day’ in Canawaugus Park.
- FB/DPW to plant a tree along the ‘Memorial Tree’ line before 5/2.
- Exact location to be identified. Members will walk the area and stake.
- Recommend a tree that thrives in the area - Tulip, others?

### **Advisory on tree planting method to share with DPW**

- The use of an auger creates a hard wall that tree roots cannot grow through. Use a pick or shovel to thoroughly break up the wall surface.
- Remove all burlap and wires around the root ball before planting.
- Mulch base, apply cocoa mat, and plastic tree guard for deer.

### **Spring Planting**

- Budget is close to \$4000. Needs to be allocated prior to June 1, 2026.
- Focus on ‘cluster’ planting. Identify an area or two and plant multiple trees.
- Main Street beyond the commercial district as to not interfere with TAP grant improvements. Or North Road. Board to walk, identify and stake.
- Rick V. will research the viability and cost of having the nursery plant the trees.

### **Tree Maintenance**

- Many trees still have stakes and wires that are unattached, loose or no longer needed. They need to be removed. Discuss with DPW.
- Order 2 cases of cocoa mats via village clerk. Deemed to be successful in protecting tree trunks and bases from lawn mowers and weed whackers. To be installed by board member Marks.
- Check with Cornell to determine if the hybrid oak trees planted as part of the “salt tolerance” program can be trimmed/ maintained by Scottsville. (They have already been trimmed).

### **Organizational Structure and Improved Advocacy**

- Request that the Mayor and Village Board review the role of the Forestry and Historical advisory boards.

- Ask village counsel to provide guidelines and a structure as to how other village governments conduct business.
- Identify drops in communication that degrade the efficacy of our work.
- Identify liaison.
- Schedule FB meeting to allow board to attend the start of the VB meeting. Ask to schedule a time slot to give a short report to update the VB. Hold regular meeting after.
- Take minutes and create an agenda for each meeting. Publish minutes to the village website.

## **Projects**

- Prepare proposal for Trail Town Grant in conjunction with Town/Village.  
Deadline - 3/16
- Determine resources/advisory group to help design native plantings/gardens in green space at RT 383/251 intersection and in Canawaugus Park. Strictly in discussion stages. No proposals to village at this juncture.
- Inquiry sent to Spicebush Swallowtail Native Plants and Eco Design. <https://www.spicebushswallowtailnativeplants.com/>
- Potential to share resource/project with Indian Allen Park.