

Village of Scottsville  
Forestry Board  
Wheatland Municipal Building  
Tuesday, April 14, 2025, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

#### Forestry Board

- Brandon Burger
- Michael Souers, excused
- Rick VenVertloh
- Wendy Marks

#### Discussion

- **Forestry Board attends Village Board Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. prior to FB meeting at 6:30 p.m.**
  - o Introduce ourselves to the new mayor and trustees.
  - o Recap our role and efforts to establish and maintain a healthy tree canopy.
  - o Request clarification/commitment from VB and DPW to be able to schedule spring tree planting.
  - o Trustee Wayne LaVair offered to be the liaison to DPW and help streamline and implement the planting plan.
  - o FB confirmed the planned purchase and locations of trees. FB will secure quote from Bristols, will stake locations for trees and provide a written location list to Wayne LaVair.
  - o Treasurer confirmed the remaining budget amount of \$3450. to be spent prior to May 31st.
  - o FY 27 budget reduced to \$3000. From \$4000.
- **Arbor Day + I Love My Parks Day\_May 2**
  - o Ceremonial Tree Planting in Canawaugus Park @ 9:00 a.m.
  - o Purchase red oak from Bristols Garden Center.
  - o Planting location staked near picnic tables by bridge.
  - o DPW aware of location and will dig hole ahead of 5/2, 9:00 a.m.
  - o DPW will provide mulch.
  - o Secured 30 native tree saplings from NYS DEC to give away at event.
  - o FB to take photos for Village Facebook and Sentinel article.

## - **Parks and Trails NY Grant Application Status**

- o Village of Scottsville and Forestry Board are awarded funds for placemaking signage and a pollinator garden at Canawaugus Park to add both beauty and ecological value to the community.
- o Forestry Board receives \$1000. of the grant total to establish the pollinator garden.
  - Create a 10' x 20' native wildflower pollinator garden behind the NYS Greenway State Park sign on the east side and parallel to the Greenway. Oriented in an east to west direction in full sun. Shape of bed wraps slightly to highlight the Greenway State Park sign.
  - Drift Method: Plant in groups of the same species to provide a strong visual impact for people and better foraging efficiency for pollinators.
  - Density: Plant perennials 12-18" apart to fill in and suppress weeds.
  - Number of plants: Approximately 150 wildflower plants plus 2 shrubs.
  - Color Strategy: A mix of warm (yellow, red) and cool (purple, blue) colors to attract a variety of pollinators.
  - Bloom Succession: A mix of flowers that bloom from spring through late fall.
  - Bed prep labor and mulch - Village of Scottsville DPW in kind service.
  - Planting labor - Village of Scottsville Scottsville Forestry Board in kind service.
  - Will engage community participants to help with the planting. Need to secure village insurance waivers.
  - Plants sourced from Amanda's Native Garden and Zanitopia Gardens

## - **Tree Review and Maintenance**

- o Members VenVertloh and Marks toured the village to inspect trees planted in the last 3-4 years. Determined many are doing well but some are struggling or dead. We will work on updating the tree inventory list.
- o Identified locations for spring planting.

- o Flowering Apple tree planted in Triangle Park last fall seems to be doing well.
  - o Need to mark and remove dead smaller trees on Rochester Street and Johnson Park.
  - o Recommend addressing North Road, Briarwood and Diana Drive as a community outreach project to determine neighborhood enthusiasm/support for a concentrated, incremental planting of street trees.
  - o Member Marks removed tree planting stakes and wires from a dozen trees and placed cocoa mats around 24 trees.
- **Tree Purchase from Bristols Gardening Center**
- o Need to set up Bristols as a vendor with the Village.
  - o Village needs to provide Tax Exempt Certificate to Bristols.
  - o Member Marks will bring quote and contact info to Village Office on 4/17.
  - o Members VenVertloh and Marks visited Bristols and spoke with tree specialists about our spring planting needs. Received recommendations for street trees based on habit, height and hardiness.
  - o Bristols recommends purchasing trees that are in containers, not balled and burlap for best success in a village street setting.
  - o Bristols offers near wholesale pricing if municipality purchases yearly.
  - o Bristols offers a one-year guarantee for all tree purchases.
  - o Quote for spring purchase: \$3,449.86 total
    - (4) Maple Hot Wings @ \$179.99 ea (Village Street tree)
    - (1) Red Oak @ \$439.00 (Arbor Day Tree)
    - (2) Hornbeam @ \$429.99 ea (Village Street tree)
    - (2) Black Gum @ \$179.99 ea (Village Street tree)
    - (2) Viburnum @ \$49.99 ea (Canawaugus Park)
    - (3) River Birch @ \$289.99 ea (Canawaugus Park)
    - Delivery to DPW @ \$100.00
  - o Marks to call Bristols with conformation of order and set up delivery date of April 29/30. Tree delivery to DPW. Kenny aware, but confirm.
  - o FB to finalize locations, stake, and provide list to Wayne LaVair by April 30.



