

Village of Scottsville  
Forestry Board Meeting Minutes  
Wheatland Municipal Building  
Thursday, March 16, 2023, 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

In attendance

Brandon Burger  
Michael Souers  
Camille Martina  
Rick VenVertloh  
Wendy Marks

Absent

Silvia Benso

Also Present

Maggie Ridge, Village of Scottsville Mayor  
Kevin Marks, Member Genesee Valley Trail Towns Initiative

Scheduling of meetings

- Meeting date was changed from 3/9 to 3/16 to allow for a majority of board members to attend. Regular meeting date resumes on April 14 – the second Thursday of each month.

Guest speaker

- Kevin Marks presented information about the Genesee Valley Trail Towns Initiative.
  - o The Wheatland GVTTI team is made up of local citizens that represent our community. It is one of 10 teams from towns in the Genesee Valley dedicated to creating a positive collective impact on the region. The GVTTI is supported by PTNY, FOGVG and LGV with financial contributions from the Ralph C. Wilson Jr Foundation, USDA and NBRC. Parks & Trails New York is the leading statewide advocate for parks and trails in the state. The work is scheduled to be completed in 2022 and 2023.
  - o Our 2022 PTNY grant award of \$11,383 plus matching funds from supporting partners totals \$17,000. With this, we are installing information kiosks in Canawaugus Park and Mumford, bike racks, a bike repair station, wayfinding signage, improvements to crosswalks, and more. We are working towards fulfilling the NYS GV Greenway Master Plan of having Scottsville be the Northern Gateway to the Genesee Valley.
  - o Discussion on how the Forestry Board can align efforts in Canawaugus Park to enhance the entry point to the northern gateway for this initiative.
  - o Informational links:
    - Genesee Valley Trail Initiative  
<https://www.letchworthgatewayvillages.org/gv-trail-town-initiative>

- Friends of the Genesee Valley Greenway <http://fogvg.org/>
- Parks and Trails NY <https://www.ptny.org/>
- Letchworth Gateway Villages  
<https://www.letchworthgatewayvillages.org/>

#### Arbor Day – Saturday, May 6 @ 9:00 a.m.

- Need to specify and organize celebration plan.
- Two trees to be planted on Edson Street along the TJ Connor lower field.
- Contact local scout troops to join the event – Silvia Benso?
- A tree give away.

#### Tree Maintenance

- Damage to tree branches and trunks by poor trimming – Michael Souers to address with DPW.
- Discussion on the Master Plan of Planting and Take Down of Village trees document. Need to inventory our progress of trimming and removal of high risk trees. Will review during 4/14 meeting.

#### Spring Tree Planting 2023

- (2) trees to be planted on Arbor Day, Saturday, May 6, 2023 – Edson St.
- (2) trees to be planted on Rochester St.
- (6) trees to be planted on Main St. west of the raceway.
- Four trees currently stored at DPW. Need to purchase (6) trees.

#### Treescape + Village Road Verge

- Beckwith degraded from T J Connor bus loop exit east to stop sign at Rochester St.
- Edge of road broken and deteriorating.
- Road verge is eroded due to parking, errant driving practices.
- Some trees are in poor condition due to parking on tree roots, poor mowing practice (girdling) and degradation of road edge.
- Discussion on prioritizing renovation in partnership with DPW.

#### Budget

- (8) planters @ \$150.00 each = \$1200.00
- (8) Rose of Sharon @ \$75.00 = \$600.00
- (6) Trees = \$900.00
- Total cost of above - \$2700.00
- Community Partner CooperVision donation - \$1000.00
- Forestry Board budget - \$500.00
- Balance requested - \$1200.00

#### Forestry Board Website

- Content to be updated – Wendy Marks.

### Agenda for 4/17 Meeting

- Finalize plan and create script for Arbor Day (May 6).
  - o Silvia – scout outreach
- Discuss request to bring extra mulch for all existing trees along Edson St. for Arbor Day. (Pro-active to protect from mowers girdling trees)
- Review Master Plan of Planting and Take Down of Village trees.
- Planter purchase update.
- Urban & Community Forestry (U&CF) grant round 16 application preparation.