

## **MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 4, 2010, TREE PROTECTION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

Present:

Laura Glaza  
Adam Kruezer  
Bob Marcott  
Lee Neary  
Jim Westcott

Public:

Marcia Lamoureux

The subcommittee determined to review the recommendations of staff regarding the Arboricultural Manual and public tree regulation before it makes a recommendation regarding those issues. The subcommittee did note that it supports a proposal to require that utilities be placed under driveways to lessen damages to existing trees and roots.

The subcommittee discussed issues regarding trees on private property. The subcommittee agrees on the need to replant and replenish the community forest on an on-going basis, and is concerned that the village lacks funds to promote this goal. The subcommittee notes that trees significantly enhance the value of private property, enhance the character of the village, provide stormwater detention, provide shade and cooling that lessen energy consumption and costs, provide a wind break that lessens energy consumption and costs, provides a sound barrier, and provides economic and other benefits to the community.

The subcommittee agreed on the following recommendations for comment from staff. It is believed these recommendations will create a fund for use by the village in replanting and otherwise enhancing the amount and quality of trees in the village.

1. Require a permit to remove a protected tree. Define protective trees as those of a certain DBH and of certain species to be identified by the village.
2. If a tree is dead, diseased, not healthy, invasive, poses a threat to life or structures, or is detrimental to adjacent non-invasive tree, Director of Public Works shall issue a permit and shall encourage tree replacement.
3. If Director determines that removal of tree is necessary to avoid or alleviate a practical difficulty or particular hardship on the property or residence (such as to accommodate development activity), or that a protected tree has been removed or damaged in violation of the ordinance or if no permit was granted, then the Director shall require tree replacement by the owner.

4. Every replacement tree shall have a DBH of at least 3 inches and be of a species on a list of approved trees. The number of replacement trees required shall equal or exceed the number that results when the sum of the DBH of all removed, protected trees is divided by the minimum new tree diameter required above (3 inch DBH). The Director shall determine or approve the location of each replacement tree. The Director shall have discretion to lessen the tree replacement requirement if he or she determines that the required tree replacement would result in overcrowding of trees or is otherwise not feasible.

5. Prior to removal of a protected tree (or after removal if the removal was without a permit), a deposit shall be made for each replacement tree (as determined by the formula above) in an amount determined by the village. The deposit shall be returned to the owner after the replacement tree or trees are planted. Deposits shall be retained if the replacement tree or trees are not planted within a specified time, or if the Director determines that replanting on the property is not feasible, and such deposits shall be directed toward a tree replacement fund to be maintained by the village and used exclusively for public or private tree planting or enhancement.

The subcommittee discussed an alternate proposal regarding requiring a tree permit and fee for every tree removed or every protected tree removed. The subcommittee is attempting to locate a similar ordinance in another community for review.