Tree Board Meeting Minutes For September 21, 2023

Present: Dr. Dan Zerbe, Ernie Lawrence, Robin Redman, Dr. Field, Steve Deaton, Felisa McKay, Karen Wyant, and Jules from Letchworth Community Access

*Secretary nominations were asked for due to the resignation of Karen Wyant. Ways to recruit new members were discussed.

*October 1 @ 2 pm will be the celebration of Arbor Day/Green City Day taking place at Memorial Park. Members are asked to arrive early at 1:30. Two poems were selected to be read and fir trees will be presented to the authors. An explanation of PoeTree will be presented at the celebration. Also a tree walk will take place, going down Covington Street. Dan will describe the trees as well as provide some background information on them. Felisa will work on creating a program for the celebration.

*Letchworth Community Access was present at the meeting as they are creating a video about our organization.

* A Memorial tree dedication for Tracey Scheible will take place at Memorial Park on October 28th before the mural dedication at 10:30 am.

*Tree evaluations: Many calls have been coming in from property owners to have their tree evaluated.

*Poetree for 2024: Activity usually starts in January. Grade levels will be grouped K-1, 2-3, 4-5th. Winners from each group will be put into a time capsule. Poetree themes were brainstormed.

*Tree City Applications are now due the 1st of December versus March. Thank you Ernie Lawrence and Steve Deaton for doing this.

*The spring planting site list was distributed.

*We continued the review of our committee's Standards and Specifications policy. A simplified list of Recommended Tree List to replace the current, more elaborate list was approved.

Next meeting: January 11th, 7 p.m. @ the Village Hall

Marking Day for fall plantings will be October 28th @ 1:30 p.m. Meet at the Village Park

*Spring Plantings

*Tree Evaluations

*Poetree for Next Year

*Standards and Specifications review