



**AGENDA**  
**THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS**  
**TREE BOARD**

**DOUGLAS CITY HALL COUNCIL ROOM**  
**86 W. CENTER STREET, DOUGLAS, MI**

**April 16, 2021 – 1:00 P.M.**

**Remote Meeting Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85655541063>**

**1. Call to Order:**

**2. Roll Call:**

**3. Election of Chair & Vice Chair:**

**4. Approval of Consent Calendar:**

A. Agenda for April 16, 2021

B. Meeting minutes of December 20, 2020

Motion to approve the consent calendar as presented / amended

**5. Public Comments:**

A. Verbal (Limit of 3 minutes on agenda items only)

B. Written Communications

1. J. VanderBeek (Re: Hemlock Invasive Species Alert) 3-12-21

**6. New Business:**

A. Quarterly Meeting Dates

Motion to approve the Tree Board 2021 quarterly meeting dates as presented / amended.

B. Review Tree Ordinance

C. Point Pleasant Trees

i. Recommended List of Trees

D. Schultz Park Trees

E. Douglas Beach Re-Vegetation

F. Environmental Protection Standards (N. Wikar)

i. Tree Ordinance

ii. Shoreline Construction

iii. Storm Water

**7. Authority Member Comments:**

**8. Adjourn:**



**THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS  
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DOUGLAS CITY HALL COUNCIL ROOM  
86 W. CENTER STREET, DOUGLAS, MI  
DECEMBER 10, 2020 – 11:00 A.M.  
EMERGENCY REMOTE MEETING  
MINUTES-DRAFT**

1. Call to Order: (Remote Special Meeting Procedures) Charak called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.
2. Roll Call: Present: Charak, Lion, LaBombard. Also present: Nick Wikar
3. Approval of Consent Calendar:
  - a. Agenda, December 10, 2020 (changes/additions/deletions)  
Motion by Lion, with support from LaBombard, to approve the December 10, 2020 agenda.  
Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
4. Public Comments: None.
5. Written Communications: None.
6. Emergency Business: Tree Removal, St. Peter's Drive Right-of-Way (300 St. Peter's Dr.)

Discussion took place regarding the City having learned of an illegal tree removal on St. Peter's Drive, removed by accident by crews doing water main work there. They thought it was on church-owned property, not City-owned property. They encountered the root structures when boring and it will compromise the rest of the three trees. The one tree that has been removed is furthest to the east, and there are two to the north and one more to the east that they want to remove. The City would like to seek authorization for them to do this to complete the water main work. After further discussion, it was agreed that if the work will compromise the remaining three trees, they should take them down and replace them somewhere else. Because of a proposed development of parcels to the south within 6 months to a year, it was recommended that they be planted on the other side of the road. A concern was voiced that because the church is already donating the water main to the City, we shouldn't add to their expense.

Motion by Charak, with support from Lion, that we ask St. Peter's Church to cut down the trees to extend the water line to add fire suppression to the church and replace the 4 trees they cut down for 4 blight-resistant pines along St. Peter's Drive on the north side of the street. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

7. Board Member Comments:  
LaBombard: A general concern that we're too specific for this kind of work. This should have been an easy discussion about remove and replace.
8. Public Comments: None.
9. Adjourn: Motion by Charak, with support from Lion, to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

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**Subject:** HWA Hemlock Invasive Species Alert

Hi Richard,

Its nice to E meet you. I founded a group called the Tri Community Trail Master Plan and one thing we do is to help fill gaps where municipalities need help with regards to parks and natural surroundings. Here is a notice to take a look at the Hemlocks in all parks in Douglas but especially the Beach. A nasty invastive Bug called the Wooly Aldegid is spreading by the wind at the beach and made it into Oval beach woods from Shorewood. The time for treatment is spring and I have outlined everything I know below from working with the city of Saugatuck, DNR and Allegan county. I copied Ryan Heise here too so we can help close the gap of communications on subjects that overlap the municipalities.

I am looking forward to talking more in the future on other subjects because we are working on some concepts to expand connectivity through natural trails in your area but we can follow up anytime this spring on that. Feel free to reach out anytime. I suggest you just call West Mi tree services to confirm if the HWA is at Douglas beach.

Thanks,

Please see my attached map of the infected area and I'll outline my notes below on my learnings and progress.

In short, I contacted city council about this weeks ago and then reported it to the state and the state said that we are on our own to get help. I reached out to the county and the county is getting back to us with apparently a chance to get free treatments. After personally searching the entire 425 acres to your North, I would guess that there are dozens of trees infected from Mid-Perryman to the Beach and North up the first Dune from the beach about 100 yards. There is no sign of HWA yet beyond this but should be double checked by experts. Treating these dozens now is imperative and would be even better if not at the city expense. We are waiting on further reply from the Allegan County to see if the city can avoid fees.

#### CONTACTS DERIVED FROM MY RESEARCH:

-I have been in touch with the Robert Miller of the Invasive Species Prevention and Response team that is part of the Department of Agriculture fo the state. He said that DNR is focused on up North first and doing work north especially in Luddington State Park right now and even found and treated trees in the Sleeping Bear Dunes.

-I was told that the Allegan county has an effort to help fix the local issues from Brian Talsma of Allegan County Conservation District. He said the invasive species team will be in touch with us soon so that might be a free option. Brian sent our information along and we wait.

-I have met with Matt Rapisarda, an arborist with West Michigan Tree Services and he is on stand by for working on the Shorewood properties to your West. He is an option for the city to hire if they have to pay full retail on the treatment of the existing outbreak.

-Possible expert advisor advised by Mayor Bekken, Kevin Sayers Urban and Community Forester of MI DNR Forest Resources Division.

Links derived from my research:

- I uploaded my findings right by my cabin on Perryman here that prompted Robert Millers call to me: [https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-350-79136\\_79237\\_81077-367635--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-350-79136_79237_81077-367635--,00.html)

Lake George, reference for example.: <https://www.glensfallschronicle.com/the-expert-on-hemlock-woolly-adelgid-how-to-fight-lake-george-invasive/?fbclid=IwAR0TaK5IXpM-dGbK6DWPU7tzzasA9heShn-3-dMkwXoZksLVHmX9VKW3A-M#:~:text=Mark%20Whitmore%2C%20a%20forest%20entomologist,on%20how%20to%20combat%20it>

and the chemical vs biological treatment option: [https://savinghemlocks.org/hemlock-woolly-adelgid\\_treatment\\_biological\\_chemical\\_organic/](https://savinghemlocks.org/hemlock-woolly-adelgid_treatment_biological_chemical_organic/)

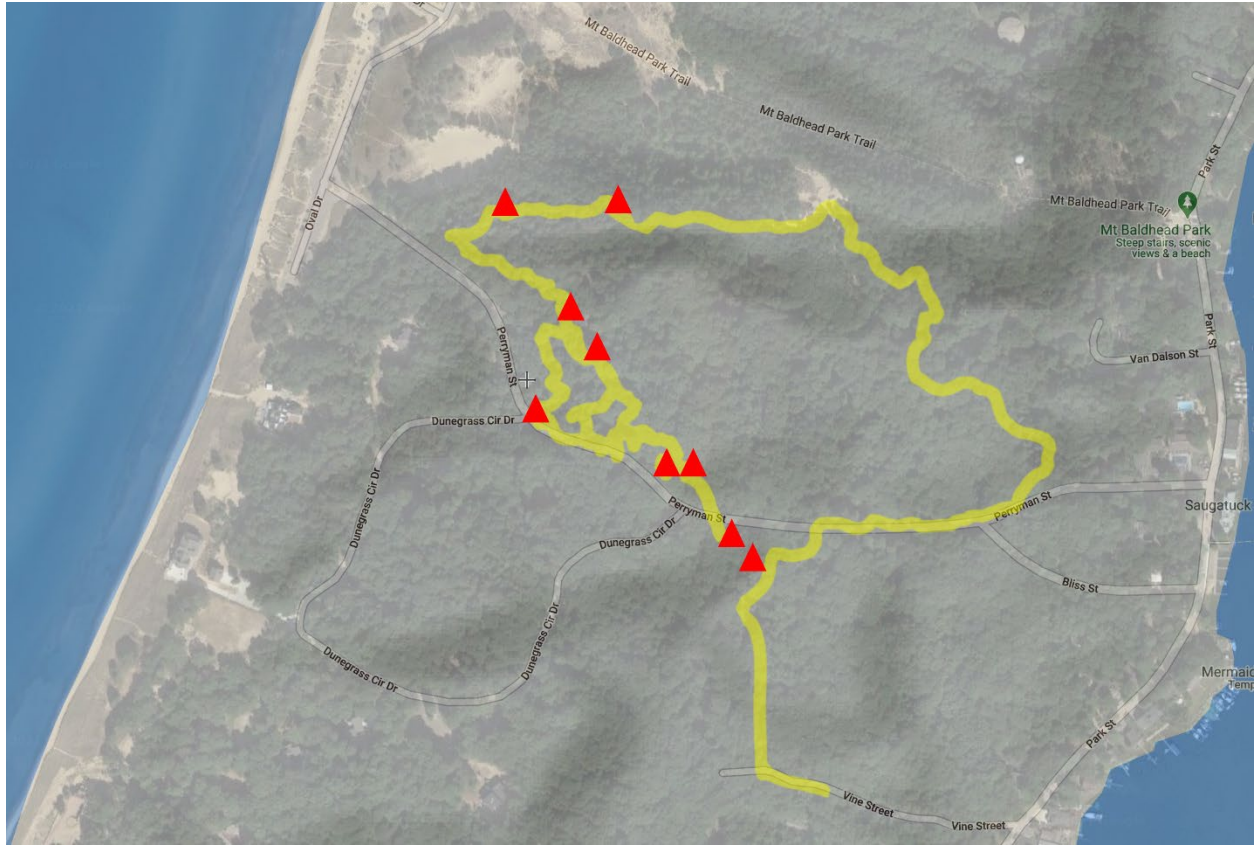
And bio control options. More about the beetles: <https://biocontrol.entomology.cornell.edu/predators/sasajiscymnus.php>

Also, I am meeting with Chris Peterson next week who is on the Saugatuck City's tree board.

One of my ideas that follows the advise of any forester is to keep planting diverse trees in the forest because we will likely lose this battle in the coming decades.

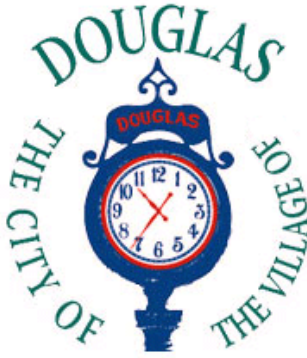
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## MEMORANDUM



**To:** Tree Board Members  
**From:** City of Douglas  
**Date:** 4-16-2021  
**Subject:** 2021 Quarterly Meeting Dates

As required by the Tree Ordinance (98.03c), the Tree Board meetings shall be held at least once quarterly at the discretion of the committee chair, with the first meeting held in the first full week of January. Meetings shall be subject to the Open Meetings Act.

Approval of the 2021 Quarterly Meeting Dates as scheduled:

July 16, 2021 @ 1:00 P.M.

October 15, 2021 @ 1:00 P.M.

December 17, 2021 @ 1:00 P.M.

**Motion to approve the Tree Board 2020 quarterly meeting dates as presented/amended.**