



THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS
TREE BOARD
86 W. CENTER STREET, DOUGLAS, MI
July 16, 2021 – 1:00 P.M.
MEETING MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Charak called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Charak, Kyllonen. Absent: Lion
Also present: Planning & Zoning Administrator Wikar; DPW Director Vogel; Deputy Clerk Howell; Pam Blough, PM Blough
3. **Approval of Consent Calendar:**
 - A. Agenda for July 16, 2021
 - B. Special Meeting minutes of June 3, 2021

Motion by Kyllonen, with support from Charak, to approve the consent calendar as presented.
Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
4. **Public Comments:**
 - A. Verbal (Limit of 3 minutes on agenda items only) - None
 - B. Written Communications - None
5. **New Business:**
 - A. Ellis Condos Tree Replacement: The residents of Ellis Condos are asking for trees to be planted to replace ones that were taken down when the sewer line was put down Center Street. They would contribute half of the cost, with the City to pay the rest.
Motion by Kyllonen, with support from Charak, to approve funds to plant up to 5 trees along the east side of Ellis Street at the corner of Ellis Street and Center Street. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
 - B. Review: Tree Trim/Removal Application – Center Street, St. Peter’s Street, Westshore Ct., and Pleasant Street (unimproved) ROW (Jeff Kerr – West Centre PUD, 324 Center Street): Wikar introduced Pam Blough from PM Blough, Inc., the landscape architect for the Westshore PUD project, to discuss the trees that are in the rights-of-way for consideration. Blough explained that the entire site has been surveyed which has identified 39 trees within the right-of-way. On West Center Street, there are currently three older trees beginning to decline in the right-of-way. We can consider taking these at this time and replant to establish a tree corridor along West Center Street and also straighten out the sidewalks at the same time. On St. Peter’s Drive, there are three spruce trees in a large cluster of evergreens that are hanging out into the right-of-way. These would be removed to set up a strong street tree canopy, rather than evergreens, to try to formalize the neighborhood. On Pleasant View Ct, there is a cluster of trees that is a lot of overgrown tangled mess with invasive species and dead ash. The project proposal is to remove 35 trees and replace them with 35 new trees to accentuate the streetscape along the public road. The new trees would be 2 ½ - 3” and similar to the trees already growing in the area, so they would work well with the soil there.

Olaf Huebner, 177 St. Peter’s Dr. – Lives across the street from this development. Would like to save the large mature evergreen that is directly across from his property and is in the middle of one of the drives that is planned. It is one of the few evergreens

in the plan and it is healthy. Wanted clarification on the retention pond as to whether it would only have water in it when it rained. Also, wanted to know what the timeline will be for the trees to be replaced. Blough responded that they are mapping all the trees 6" and above in order to review the significant trees that can be saved in order to have a natural feel to this development, and they will take a look at the large mature evergreen and try to save it. She also responded that the retention pond will have water in it year-round for wildlife and people to walk around, a visual amenity, and to gather stormwater. The timeline on the tree plantings will be when the installation of underground sewers and preliminary grading is completed on the site.

Jeff Kerr, 357 Ferry St. – Indicated that this development will consist of smaller footprint homes, a mix of townhomes, and commercial two- to three-story buildings that are mixed use. Wants to be mindful of the landscape along the way. Their intention is to save the quality trees, and plant trees that match what was already there.

Tracey Shaffroth, 27 Water St. – Recommended planting enormous trees for in front of the three-story buildings along Center Street to soften the proximity of the buildings. Also asked whether there will be any permeable surfaces around the trees to help with stormwater retention. Blough responded that the trees along West Center Street will be large canopy trees. As far as permeable surfaces, there will be a village green consisting of lawn.

Motion by Kyllonen, with support from Charak, to save spruce trees on St. Peter's Drive and approving their proposal on condition that it's approved by the Planning Commission, and further, to try to save the pine tree that appears to be in the middle of the road coming off St. Peter's Drive. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

6. **Public Comments:** None.
6. **Authority Member Comments:** None.
7. **Adjourn:** Motion by Kyllonen, with support from Charak, to adjourn the meeting. (2:25 p.m.)