



VILLAGE OF KIMBERLY

TREE BOARD
April 11th, 2024

Council Chambers
515 W. Kimberly Avenue
Kimberly, WI 54136
3:00 p.m.

The 2024 meeting of the Kimberly Tree Board was called to order at 3:05 p.m. Board members present included Danielle Block, Scott Vandenhogen, Jeff Asman, Lee Hammen, and Jerome Herro. Village staff present: Director of Public Works Greg Ulman and Community Enrichment Director Holly Femal.

The 2023 minutes of the Tree Board were reviewed. Motion to approve by Block, seconded by Hammen, motion passed unanimously. Updates to 2024 funding details were presented with 2024 Village Budget allocations highlighted as well as donor dollars from the Living Forest program in Sunset Park. The 2024 Planting Plan was reviewed highlighting coordinated planting efforts for Rivers Edge Drive, Sunset Drive, and spot planting throughout the village from a west to east direction. Planting will include around 79 street trees and an additional 34 Living Forest trees. Updates on the Living Forest program include a wide variety of species this year with planting emphasis to the south side of the Kimberly Amphitheater replacing 60 ash trees that were removed from the woods in that area. No additional existing business was discussed for the good of the order.

Board Member Block asked about future replanting plans along the Marcella Street and Kennedy Avenue trail project. Planting is planned after the street and trail improvements in that area have concluded. Board Member Asman was interested in information concerning tree planting along the CE trail. Limitations on planting within the County Right of Way were discussed with no plans to replant from the village due to those limitations. Board Member Vandenhogen was interested in more information about the village's tree vendor and diverse species availability. Product availability and the quality of the products the village purchases from vendor Leaves Inspired was discussed. Board Member Herro asked about the availability of Maple trees when planting throughout the terraces. Director Ulman shared that the village's canopy is maple dense, and that the village has been purchasing other varieties as a result. Director Femal shared that the Village's Living Forest program does entertain maples as the parks are not heavily populated with maple species. With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Hammen and seconded by Block. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Holly Femal, Community Enrichment Director