

Attending: Marcy Denker, Steve Cea, Kathleen Johnson

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**1. Village Budget for fall and spring trees**

Kathleen reported that the Village Clerk has tried but has not gotten an answer about the budget for trees. James Slaughter will follow up with Marcy on the tree budget. Marcy will check with Joule Community Power to find out how much is in the Community Solar Fund that is dedicated to trees. Kathleen will check with Chrissy Place about any funds in the Tree Project Fund at the Park Conservancy.

Update: Victor Melendez from Joule reports: *The Sustainability Fund has a value of \$3,100. I still need to actually coordinate the logistics of to whom the money is to be sent. Beyond that would you have a 2-3 sentence description of how the \$ will be used in the tree planting process? The description will be used for celebratory/promotion and documented for our records.*

**2. Member phone numbers.** We should all share our phone numbers so we can easily reach each other especially when we are out doing work on planting and maintenance. Marcy will send a sheet around.

**3. Tree Maintenance**

a. **Young tree pruning:** There is an excellent video from this year's NYS Releaf Conference that we can all learn from and possibly use in a future presentation. [You can find it here](#) along with other presentations from the conference.

b. **Maintenance Handout:** Marcy revised [the handout](#) that we plan to leave for homeowners who appear to need some advice and encouragement to weed and otherwise properly maintain the street trees in front of their properties. Steve is proofreading. We are asking people not to plant anything in the tree beds so that there are not other plants competing with the trees.

c. 101 First Ave. and planting in tree beds

**4. Planting sites for fall and spring:** Steve and Kathleen will work up a list of recommended sites.

**5. Tree Grant for Tree Cities:** We were not able to follow through on this grant and will not apply.

**6. Tree Ordinance:** Marcy will prepare a refresher on the code and key issues and concerns and we will plan to have a discussion at an upcoming meeting soon to get this back on track.

**7. Inventory and Google Maps:** Marcy will check with Rick to see what we need to do to finish.

**8. Library Presentation**

We discussed the idea of preparing a library presentation on the tree program with an emphasis on maintenance for next winter. More discussion to follow at the next meeting.

**9. Broken Tree on Fifth Ave.**

A BOCES student intentionally snapped a tree by BOCES, and Steve will follow up with the administration to see about getting reimbursed.

**10. Depew neighborhood survey:** We are planning to discuss James Slaughter.

**11. Spotted Lanternfly volunteer opportunities in Orangeburg**

*Volunteer Opportunities This Week*

*Calling all volunteers! Want to help in the fight against spotted lanternfly? We are looking for as many hands as possible to help with vegetation and spotted lanternfly removals at an infestation site in Orangeburg, N.Y., this coming Friday, Aug. 27, and Sunday, Aug. 29. We will be at the site from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on both days. You can sign up either for the morning (9:30 a.m.) or afternoon (12:30 p.m.) shifts.*

*Please RSVP to [invasives@nynjtc.org](mailto:invasives@nynjtc.org) to let us know if you can make it for all or part of these workdays.*