

## Maynard Tree Committee Meeting – August 11, 2020

**Present:** Kate Wheeler, Orian Greene, Neil Pederson, Lee Caras, Leslie Bryant

### **Agenda:**

Our agenda should include discussing our downtown tree selection thoughts and/or getting a working group to thrash out the last details, which we need to get into shape to propose to Justin in time for fall orders and planting.

We also should share wisdom on and perhaps links to ADA friendly pervious paving and tree well covering so that we can encourage larger tree wells without adversely affecting the outdoor dining and other sidewalk uses downtown.

Justin also asked us to let him know the profession/skill/interest sets for each of us. It will help him and us know what resources we have. I am probably not alone in having skills that don't match my interests, but perhaps a grid of both would help him and each of us. We can start with our circle here and move to our larger extended circle not on this list.

### **Meeting**

- Pick 10 spots for the most viable spots to make good choices for this planting season
- We do not know which 10 trees Justin is prioritizing, so hard to plan
- Can we talk to Justin about his philosophy about tree maintenance?
  - o Are acorns or other fruits a problem to his management style?
  - o Maybe Neil can start this conversation with Justin?
- Does Justin:
  - o Have money in hand?
  - o When might he order trees?
  - o When will he work on tree wells?
  - o What is his schedule for planting?
  - o Also, could we use town leaf mulch to put down around trees? Like, around Tiger Drive on the school side of the drive, the soils seem so poor; maybe create a kind of dam to keep the water from running off
    - Any guidance and advice to create this

### **Potential Trees:**

- Serviceberry, American hophornbeam, tuliptree, basswood, black birch, umbrella magnolia is salt sensitive
- Nyssa (blackgum), northern red oak, bald cypress, swamp white oak, Kentucky coffeetree, yellowwood, sweetgum, pignut hickory, multiple hawthorns is somewhat salt tolerant
- American holly, redbud, elm are also somewhat salt tolerant

### **Demo Tree:**

- Steve wanted to do a demo tree
  - o Putting a tree downtown to demonstrate what we can and want to do
- But, that would be a challenge because of having to lift sidewalk for a single tree; not as economically viable
- Steve also wanted to put in a nice sign that says something like, "Stay Tuned" for a new tree coming to this spot.
- Some sidewalk pots seems a bit larger than others. Maybe a good demo tree planting site?
  - o The ones in front of the church

#### Davey Report/Current Needs

- It seems from the Davey Report that there is a great need to prune existing trees. Almost as important as planting.

#### Expertise for Justin:

- He wants to know what we can do, our expertise, what we are interested in?
  - o Pruning, planting, by-laws, fundraising, expertise....
- Maybe Kate can get this ball rolling on this list?
  - o Neil suggested it could be turned into small bios and put on the webpages to humanize our web pages