**Tree Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday 6/9/2021**

**Attendance**

Committee Members Present: Sarah Wolf, Deni Jacks

Staff: Andrew Pitcher

Committee Members and Staff Absent:

Public: Matt Leis, Rob Benjamin

**Determination of Quorum**

A quorum is present

1. **Open Meeting**

Deni Jacks called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

1. **Consideration of Minutes**

A motion was put on the floor to accept the May minutes by Sarah Wolf, and it was seconded by Deni Jacks. Minutes passed 2-0.

1. **Public Meeting**
2. **Arborist** – Matt discussed how he has not made much progress in finding someone to undertake the Main St. project. Matt did mention that Superintendent Lacey had forwarded him some correspondence with Chuck from Lehman & Lehman establishing that Lehman & Lehman does design landscaping. Matt also relayed the name of Bellinger’s which may also be a company which could conduct the design of the Main St. project. There was discussion about a letter being drafted which could be sent to any and all potential companies to design the Main St. project.
3. **DPW –** Superintendent Pitcher introduced Rob Benjamin to the Committee regarding a tree on his property at 198 N. Wayne St. Mr. Benjamin explained to the committee that he has a tree on his property that is poor condition and would like to take care of the tree prior to his planned sidewalk replacement. Deni Jacks explained that when she walked by the tree and took some photos that she believed the tree could be saved. Matt Leis and Sarah Wolf discussed that it appeared the tree was in fact in poor condition, and any root removal for a new sidewalk may create additional issues with the tree. The discussion resulted in Mr. Benjamin deciding to remove the tree. Superintendent Pitcher did agree that since the tree is partially in the town’s right of way, DPW would remove the stump using a stump grinder following the removal of the tree.
4. **New Development Tree Removal –** Deni Jacks informed the committee that she had spoken with the town planner regarding addressing the concern of developers not replacing foliage removed from redeveloped areas. Superintendent Pitcher informed Deni that the Town Council would be present at another meeting immediately following the Tree Advisory Committee meeting. Deni informed the committee that she would consult with the Town Council in order to begin the discussion of resolving the issue of developers removing trees in the older part of town, but not replacing them.
5. **Public Comment**

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was placed on the floor by Sarah Wolf and was seconded by Deni Jacks. The motion passed 2-0.

After no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.

The next committee meeting is 7/14/2021 located at Town Hall, or 49 N. Wayne St. Danville, IN 14622.

**To Do:**

**Matt Leis**- Continue to contact companies regarding the design of the Main St. project.

**Deni Jacks**- Work with the Town Council in finding a solution to developers removing trees from the older part of town without replacing them.