

Tree Board Minutes

October 17, 2024, 4:30

Town Hall, RM 201

In attendance: Sarah Adair, Dick Stein, Ed Picard and Nathaniel Martin. James McLoughlin and Ben Sykas were absent.

There were no minutes for September to approve.

Members reviewed the annual Painting Pumpkins on the Green Oaktober event. Since this was the second year in a row that the Board had saplings left over, it was decided that next year the Board only order 32 instead of 64. Dick, Ed & Sarah were present for the Oct. 5th, Saturday community event. Dick suggested that 2 tables would be better for next year as one was too crowded. It was a beautiful day with lots of families and children. The Board gave out Oak stickers and pencils with pamphlets on proper tree planting.

Sarah reviewed the approval of Tree ID Signs by the Parks Advisory Board and the Parks and Rec Commission in September. Members discussed the number of signs to order for each type of tree and whether to include Riverside Park. Members decided to review with Ben which trees should have multiple copies ordered depending on the tree's commonality. It was decided that we would order a sign from Sciotto Signs to see the product firsthand. If it looked good, we would order the rest. Ben would request the funding from Peter. Peter would request the funds from the appropriate town account.

The Board agreed to highlight the White Oak at Sherwood Island Park that is on the CT Notable Trees list for highlight on the web page for November. Dick brought up the idea of the Tree Board sponsoring a walk of Sherwood Island Park given the cork and Chestnut Tree at the park.

Jefferey Gill from the public was in attendance. He asked about the Tree Board's role in promoting the planting of trees and where they could be planted. The Board explained its role and also referred Mr. Gill to the Tree Warden to determine where the town right of way is on a particular property and to Ellen Lautenberg on the RTM Environment Committee to promote the planting of more trees in town for shade.

The Board adjourned.