

VILLAGE OF HAMBURG ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

Wednesday, July 27, 2011; 7PM

Hamburg Village Hall, 100 Main St., Hamburg, NY 14075

Present: **Commission Members:** Edwin Drabek, Adrienne Punturiero, Dan Riker, Andy Schrauth, Stuart Wheaton

Village Board Liaison: Mark Colmeraurer

Excused: Tom Collins, Tim McDonald, Jennifer Rodgers

Emerald Ash Borer

- Adrienne reported from the Erie County Environmental Management Council on a presentation given by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the destruction of millions of ash trees by the insect. How to help:
 - Look for signs of EAB infestation:
 - Branches dying from the top down (crown thinning)
 - Woodpecker damage on trunk and branches
 - S-shaped feeding tunnels just under the bark
 - Sucker sprouts growing from the base of the tree
 - Report suspected infestations to the DEC;
 - Don't move firewood.

Trees - Grant/Project

- A \$6,583 grant was awarded from NYSDEC to be used towards a survey and planning (acknowledged Marc Shuttleworth at the DPW for his assistance in applying for the grant). We are awaiting specifics of the grant.
- Mark suggested a five-year Tree Program/Tree Management Plan:
 1. Survey and Assessment Plan (once complete, suggestion that DPW could possibly keep track and do a quarterly report);
 2. Replacement Program;
 3. In-fill Program;
 4. Monitoring/Maintenance Program (suggestion by Dan that survey should be done every other year).
- Keeping track of trees should be daily – we could request daily log sheet from DPW – must be able to be easily updated.
- Andy provided copies of part of the tree survey from 2000 – can be a starting point.
- Ed volunteered to do a tree overview of where:
 - trees are needed;
 - trimming is needed;
 - removals should be.
- Andy advised that hitting trees while grass mowing or weed whacking can cause bark to be knocked off; killing the trees.
- Any tree requests by residents can be called into Village Hall to be put on the list.
- We will again look into Re-Tree WNY for fall planting.

- Prior to next meeting, Mark suggested that we all:
 - do some online research into tree programs in other communities (Ed recommended Village of Manlius, NY);
 - put together some ideas;
 - email to group

*There was no June meeting.
Next regularly scheduled meeting is August 10, 2011.*

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne Punturiero