

## **Advisory Committee on Trees – November 17, 2020**

Call to order at 7:10 PM via ZOOM

Present: Brian Townsend (ACT liaison, Public Works and Parks Assistant Director and Zoom Host), Charles Jackman (Chair), Bob Trumbule (member), Leeann Irwin (Forest Preserve Advisory Board member)

Not present: Ethel Dutky (recorder)

Reviewed and approved October 20, 2020 minutes with corrections.

### **Old Business**

1 – Removal of trees as part of the renovation of the parking area at Buddy Attick Park.

ACT members Robert Trumbule and Charles Jackman met with Brian Townsend at the Public Works building at 1:30 PM on Monday, October 26, to review the plans and visit the site. Other participants in the excursion included Jim Sterling (Director of Public Works) and Terri Hruby (Director of Planning and Community Development). The project site was viewed and plans for the removal of some trees were discussed in detail. ACT members accepted the plans to have some of the pine trees removed and to leave others. The project should correct problems of runoff water and also result in the planting of a number of different trees and bushes.

The project plans were discussed at the Greenbelt City Council meeting that evening (Monday, Oct. 26). An issue brought up by Council members concerned the cost for removal of some of the pine trees when the project goes forward. The project had been approved by the Greenbelt City Council earlier and will possibly start in 2021.

2 – Visit to the Forest Preserve on November 5.

Leeann Irwin (Forest Preserve Advisory Board member), Brian Townsend, Robert Trumbule, and Charles Jackman met at the Forest Preserve sign at 10 AM on Thursday, November 5, along Northway Road. The group found five significant trees and relevant data were either measured (diameter at breast height, ~4.5 feet) or estimated (height and canopy extent). Since the Forest Preserve is extensive, it was not possible to tour the entire area in one outing. It was thought that at least a couple more visits would be needed to the Forest Preserve.

The next outing to the Forest Preserve was discussed and the agreed date is at 10 AM on Sunday, December 6, 2020. Again, the group will meet at the Forest Preserve sign along Northway Road.

### **New Business**

1 – Greenbelt Station trees.

Brian reported that 13 trees were replaced by the contractor. Other trees have been treated twice for scale. The City of Greenbelt has accepted responsibility for the Central Park within Greenbelt Station, but the rest of the development has not been accepted yet.

2 – Tree removals in Greenbelt.

Brian reported that 22 trees were removed throughout Greenbelt. A contractor performed the removals. It is possible that a new bucket truck will be purchased by the City of Greenbelt in 2021 and that some trees next year may be removed by the Public Works personnel.

3 – MAGLEV project.

The Greenbelt City Council has requested a possible representative from ACT to serve on the

Greenbelt SCMAGLEV Opposition Task Force. This was discussed and it was decided to talk about this issue more at the next meeting since not all the ACT members were able to attend this meeting.

Next Meeting, via Zoom: Tuesday, December 15 at 7PM  
Adjourn 8:40PM. Submitted by Charles Jackman