

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Kellie Flaherty at 5:00 pm.

Members present: Kellie Flaherty, Aimee Newbauer

No public comments.

Discussion and possible action on recreational trail grooming within the Village of Balsam Lake during the winter months. At the snowshoe race that took place during Winterfest 2021 some of the trails were groomed outside of the Village. It was noted by Jim Duncan and Chris Sondrol that grooming part of the Village trails during the winter would allow more residents to use trails all year round. Director of Public Works, Dave Patterson will get an estimate on a trail groomer and present his findings at the next committee meeting. Also, it was noted that there is a need to improve trail signage and discussions on sign replacement will take place at the next committee meeting.

Discussion and possible action to approve planting more trees in Pine Park. With an average annual tree loss being 3-5 trees in Pine Park Jim Duncan proposed to the committee planting more trees in Pine Park. Families in the community could purchase a tree for an estimated \$50 and plant them potentially on April 24, 2021 with their families in the Park. The Village Crew would be able to assist and Chris Sondrol would work with the Village to get the trees and offered a donation for use of equipment. **Motion by Aimee Newbauer to bring before the board planting donated white pine trees in Pine Park. Second by Kellie Flaherty. All in Favor. Carried.**

Discussion and possible action for landscaping improvements for 2021. Mr. Peter Nelton proposed removing old landscaping plants nearest the south end of town by the welcome to Balsam Lake sign due to quality of plant health. There for Peter Nelton proposed the planting of six midnight marvel hibiscus plants and six berry awesome hibiscus plants as replacements. **Motion by Aimee Newbauer to have the Village pay for six out of the twelve plants and have Public Works assist Peter Nelton with the planting. Second by Kellie Flaherty. All in Favor. Carried.**

Discussion and possible action to contact the BLHA to set up a date to meet regarding potential goodwill gesture to improve the main beach area in town bay. Kellie Flaherty will make contact with the BLHA to attend one of their upcoming meetings.

Motion by Aimee Newbauer to adjourn. Seconded by Kellie Flaherty. Carried. 5:30 p.m.

Lori Duncan, Clerk Treasurer

Amy VanDeBrake, Deputy Clerk Treasurer