

# Village of Sunbury Services Meeting September 1, 2020

- I. **Call to Order-** Councilman St. John opened the Village of Sunbury Services Committee virtual meeting at 6:30 pm Tuesday September 1, 2020
- II. **Roll Call-** Those answering roll call: Joe St. John, Martin Fisher and Damin Cappel. Also in attendance were Allen Rothermel Administrator and Zoom meeting facilitator Steve Pyles.
- III. **Visitors-** None
- IV. **Minutes- August 5, 2020-** Minutes were moved for approval by Martin Fisher and seconded by Joe St. John 3 yeas (unanimous).
- V. **Open Issues**
  - a. **Tree Replacement Program**
    - Allen Rothermel referred to three Exhibits previously sent to members (attached) and made a presentation to the Committee on replacing 38 street trees along four streets in the Village Mills plat (Mill Stone Dr., Mill Stone Ct., Mill Run Dr. and Mill Stream St.)
    - All 38 trees were the same varietal (Canadian Sand Cherry) and were all afflicted with Black Knot Fungus.
    - After reviewing the entire work sheet along with the memo from local arborist Aaron Noblet, Allen Rothermel recommended that a local firm, Sunbury Tree Care, be selected to cut and remove the trees and grind the stumps for \$150/ tree.
    - Sunbury Tree Care could perform the work in three (3) days as opposed to several weeks using Village staff who would also need to rent approximately \$2400 in a woodchipper and stump grinder to complete the task.

After the presentation a number of questions were asked by the committee with respect to the notification of residents of the work to be done and approximate time frames. Consensus of the Committee was to proceed with the work which was within the Mayor's spending authorization.

Joe St. John then led a discussion on the possible replacement of the trees which are in the Right of Way (between curb and sidewalk and the responsibility of the Village. The tree plantings were a condition of the Village Mills plat at the time.

Allen Rothermel added that there are some issues to be considered in whether to replace the trees or not. A number of subsequent developments (current and

proposed) have not included street trees in the Right Of Way (ROW). Alternatively, additional trees were recommended in the lawns directly behind the sidewalk. It was determined by the Committee that more time should be taken in developing a tree replacement plan. This will be addressed at a future Committee meeting.

- b. **Waste Water Treatment Plant Update-** Allen Rothermel brought to the Committee's attention an issue that Village Engineer David Parkinson would likely be addressing at the next Council Meeting. The Ohio EPA was offering a low interest loan program of which the Sunbury WWTP would qualify. Under the program municipalities could apply for 1.5% interest loans for upgrading plant and facilities as well as the plans to develop the improvements. The deadline for applications was approaching and would be discussed with Council.

Joe St. John also inquired about the Infiltration and In-flow (I&I) issues with the plant where ground water gets into the sewer pipes during rain events. Allen Rothermel responded that this is an on-going concern and that there are monies set aside annually to deal with such concerns as they arise.

- VI. **Adjournment-** There being no further business to discuss, Martin Fisher moved and Joe St. John seconded the adjournment of the meeting 3 yeas (unanimous). 7:07 pm

**HANDOUTS BELOW:**

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### Summary of the Tree In Sunbury Mills

(see Aaron Noblet memo attached)

### Tree Proposal

Sunbury Tree Care responded with the following proposal:

- Remove 38 Canadian Sand Cherry trees along Mill Stone Dr., Mill Stone Ct., Mill Run Dr. and Mill Stream St. (cut down at base, chip in place, remove off site, grind stumps and clean up site)
- Project to take three (3) days total
- Cost—\$150/ tree or \$5700.00
- Work to begin sometime after September 8 but currently no waiting list
- Contractor is fully insured

In reviewing this quote, Brad and I compared this to doing the project in-house.

- We would need to use three FT employees with a dump truck and related Village equipment along with a rental chipper (\$1400) and rental stump grinder (\$1000).
- Brad estimated approx. three (3) weeks of work including final cleaning and seeding as needed in the Spring.

When you consider that liability and workers' comp cost exposure would be eliminated, plus staff is freed up to do regularly scheduled duties, the proposal from Sunbury Tree Care becomes more attractive.

To the extent that we could have the trees removed before the October Services meeting, I recommend we contract with Sunbury Tree Care. In the interim we can determine how best to proceed with replacement trees.

There are a lot of factors to consider:

- what varieties to plant
- where to plant (tree lawn, yard),
- when to plant (Spring '21 preferable)
- whether trees should be replaced at all.

All four streets listed are in Sunbury Mills bordering on either Sunbury Meadows or Price Farms developments which do not or will not have trees in the tree lawn.

**Allen Rothermel**

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**From:** Rhonda Mourné  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 1:05 PM  
**To:** Allen Rothermel  
**Subject:** FW: tree fungus

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**From:** Aaron Noblet [mailto:ajarborist@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 11:16 AM  
**To:** Rhonda Mourné  
**Subject:** Re: tree fungus

Hello Rhonda,

It is black knot fungus on Canadian sand cherry. Treatment involves fungicide sprays in early spring and pruning out as much of the knots as possible, but treatment can be futile. Its not a tree I would recommend spending much \$ on saving. I wish they wouldn't have planted all of those and the crab apples in that neighborhood, they are all diseased. (but they are cheap contractor trees).

I can catch up with Allen on this.

Thank you,  
Aaron Noblet  
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**From:** Rhonda Mourné <[rmourne@sunburyvillage.com](mailto:rmourne@sunburyvillage.com)>  
**To:** "ajarborist@yahoo.com" <[ajarborist@yahoo.com](mailto:ajarborist@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 12:00 PM  
**Subject:** tree fungus

Arron,

Allen, Brad and I went and looked at trees along Millstone Dr and Millstone Ct. There has been some complaints about a fungus growing in the trees. I took pictures of the trunk and also the black stuff on the branches. This is on every tree down these two streets. Allen would like you to look at them and see if there is something that can be done to treat them if it is a fungus.



Respectfully submitted by Allen Rothermel