

**CITY OF CORTLAND**  
**LANDSCAPE AND DESIGN COMMISSION**  
**Minutes - August 9, 2023**  
**4:00 p.m. at City Hall - Mayor's Conference Room**

**Present:** Mike Dexter (chair), Theresa Quail, Diane Batzing

**Consulting Arborist:** Jim Maloney, National Grid

**Guest:** Steve Broyles, SUNY Cortland

**Approve July 12, 2023 Minutes:** Theresa Quail, 1st; Mike Dexter, 2nd

### **Spring 2024 Tree Planting Program Planning**

- The 2024 application and tree photos are posted on the [cortland.org](http://cortland.org) website
- Schichtel's Nursery has sent their tree availability list.
- So far we have 5 applications.
- We will order a minimum of 30 trees, due by September 15.
- We will need to get the locations of the ash trees National Grid will be removing so we may offer these property owners replacements for 2025.

### **NYS-DEC Inventory and Management Plan Grant Status**

- NYS-DEC director, Gloria VanDuyne said the awards will be announced in August or September.
- Steve Broyles has 18 SUNY Cortland students identifying trees this September, using the iTree program. Jim Maloney will provide arborist volunteers to assist with this project.
- Steve met with Miguel Berrios from Land Beyond the Sea (LBS) Ecological regarding student participation in tree identification and a city management plan in the event Cortland is awarded the DEC grant.

### **Recent Tree Concerns/Notes**

- Comm. Dexter and Jim Maloney pruned a number of trees around the city.
- Two of our newly planted trees appear to be dead.
- The LDC has concerns regarding the proposed trees to be planted on Main St. and will request a meeting to discuss alternate species.

### **Other**

- Comm. Dexter has weeded the Port Watson St./Church St. rose garden. Comms. Dexter and Quail weeded it earlier in the season.
- Comm. Dexter was interviewed on WHCU about the 2024 tree program.
- Because the Water Works is Cortland's sole source aquifer, the Environmental Commission and others are not in favor of developing the site for community projects.

**Next meeting: October 11, 2023 at 4 p.m.**  
**Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall**

