

Rochester Arbor Committee Agenda
Rochester Village Hall
5 pm, Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Call to order, introductions—Chair, Molly Godar

Agenda changes

Minutes of 4-23 meeting

Public forum for discussion of arbor related topics not on the agenda

Report and recommendations from 2023 planting days—Harry Hendrickson

Updates

Carbon credits for trees planted in 2021-23-- Emily Ehley, Trees Forever

Replant, renew, restore grants from Trees Forever—Emily

Tree City USA application process--Emily

GPS inventory of trees on public lands—on Trees Forever website--Emily

Wanless Park—prairie to woods?, wetland & pond in the NE corner?

Wanless Park—dead deer—EHD (epizootic hemorrhagic disease?)

Wohler's Woods addition to North Park—excessive Asian honeysuckle--trail work needed

Invitation to events at Starhill Arboretum near Petersburg—Mr. Oak, Guy Sternberg

Rochester Village Report—James Foster, Public Works Supt.

Wanless Park-- prairie plantings in cleared former sewer pond area

Planting location recommendations

Plantings near ball fields—shade for spectators

Memorial plantings policy and request form (drafts)

Memorial plaques

Sales tax-free purchasing policy for planting materials

Discussion regarding numbers and species of trees to be planted in locations—all sources: Forrest Keeling, IDNR, Sangamon SWCD, others?

Discussion of improving volunteer recruiting—all

free seedlings?

coffee & donuts?

Setting of dates and rain dates for volunteer planting days—all

Adjourn by 6:00 pm