



MEETING AGENDA

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
TREE BOARD
Tuesday, September 19, 2023
6:30 P.M.
MEMORIAL HALL – MEMORIAL BUILDING
19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois
(Tentative and Subject to Change)**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – None
- 3. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION**
 - a) 425 E. 7th Street
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 5. ADJOURNMENT**

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Website <http://villageofhinsdale.org>



DATE: September 5, 2023

TO: Chairman Banke and Tree Board Members
FROM: John Finnell, Superintendent of Parks and Forestry
RE: Parkway Tree Removal Request – 425 E 7th Street

Peter Corluka from Courtyard Custom Homes is requesting a permit to remove a parkway American elm tree at 425 E 7th Street as part of a new residential construction project. As additional background, I have included email with background information for review by the Tree Board provided by the resident.

The elm tree is 15" diameter at 4.5' above grade. The estimated height of the tree is 40' and the estimated canopy width is 30'. The tree condition is fair, and the shoot growth in the canopy is average. It is a volunteer American elm and was not planted by the Village. There are no significant visible structural defects in the trunk, or scaffold branches. The tree has a natural lean due to competition from surrounding trees. The tree canopy is unbalanced due to competition from surrounding trees. It is spaced poorly with a littleleaf linden that was planted by the Village. Per the Village Code below they are requesting a waiver of the permit fee. The replacement of the tree with a new tree planted in the parkway to the east of the linden would be at their cost. I believe this is a reasonable request. The Tree Board would need to agree with the waiver of the fees.

5. Forestry Goals: The Director of Public Services or the Village Forester may, at his or her discretion, seek a recommendation from the Tree Board on a waiver of the permit fees set forth under this provision for the removal and/or replacement of a tree on public property, if in the opinion of the Director of Public Services or the Village Forester the location and/or mature height, width or form of the tree on public property negatively impacts surrounding trees on public property and/or would not promote the development of a full and healthy street corridor as set forth in the Village's "Community Forestry Manual of Policy and Procedures". Replacement of the tree may be required at the discretion of the Tree Board and such replacement as to location and species shall be in accordance with the aforementioned Village Manual of Policy and Procedures.

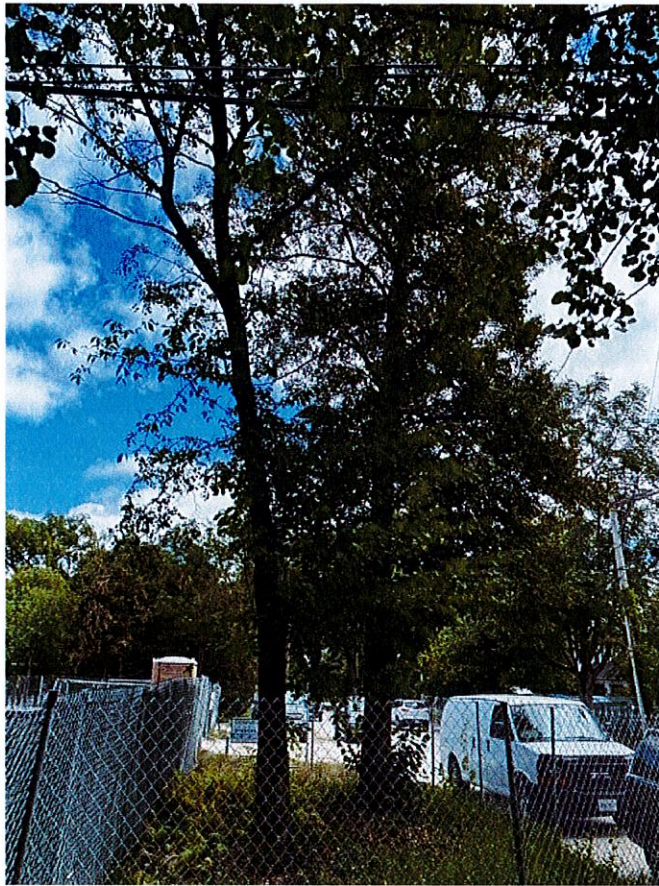
Staff determined that the tree does not meet the forestry program's requirements for tree removal because it is not dead, dangerous or in significant decline and did not permit the

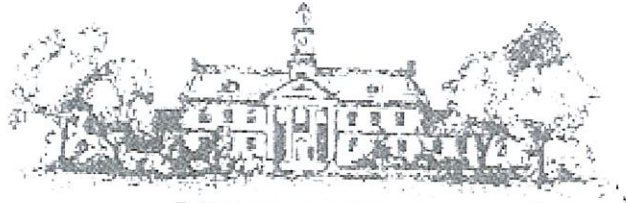
initial request for removal of the trees. In response to the denial of tree removal by Staff, Mr. Corluka has requested reconsideration from the Tree Board.

Board Action for Consideration:

Staff agrees with Mr. Corluka that this request is reasonable. Staff is seeking a recommendation from the Tree Board on the approval of the removal permit application and the waiver of the permit fee under the forestry goals section of the Village Code (Title 7, Chapter 2, Section 2 B1).







VILLAGE OF HINSDALE

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Public Services Department

PARKWAY TREE WORK PERMIT

DATE: 8/15/23
LOCATION: 425 E 7th St. Hinsdale

Type of work: (circle one or more)

TREATMENT PRUNING REMOVAL TREE PLANTING

Number & Species of trees: 1 American Elm

Contractor Information:

Company Name: Huber Tree Experts

Contact: Huber Kloris

Address: 1212 S. 4th Ave
Chicago IL

Phone: 708-214-3549

Arborist Certification _____

Insurance Certificate
(mandatory) ATTACHED

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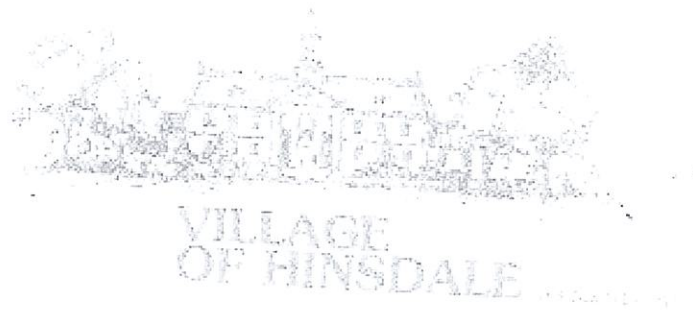
Type/name of chemical _____

Dosage _____

Approved _____

Village Forester

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John Finnell

From: Peter Corluka <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2023 7:07 PM
To: John Finnell
Subject: Re: Fwd:
Attachments: 425 tree permit revised.pdf

Follow Up Flag: Flag for follow up
Flag Status: Completed

revised attached

On Thu, Aug 17, 2023 at 8:26 AM John Finnell <JFinnell@villageofhinsdale.org> wrote:

Peter,

Can you complete the permit and resend. The tree is an American elm and that should be noted on the application.

John

From: Peter Corluka <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2023 7:46 AM
To: John Finnell <JFinnell@villageofhinsdale.org>
Subject: Re: Fwd:

Good morning John,

Attached is the application and certificate of insurance in regards to the removal or junk parkway siberian elm. Let me know what the next steps are. Thank you

On Tue, Aug 8, 2023 at 7:40 AM John Finnell <JFinnell@villageofhinsdale.org> wrote:

Pete,

Certified Arborist is not required, certification from an arborist is.

John

From: Peter Corluka <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 5:10 AM

To: John Finnell <JFinnell@villageofhinsdale.org>

Subject: Re: Fwd:

Good morning John,

This is Pete the builder for the property. In reviewing the permit application it calls for an arborist certification. Is that a requirement? My tree guy- Huber Flores does not have a certification. He has decades of experience and I believe you also may be familiar with him. I would like to use him for removal. Please advise. Thank you!

On Mon, Jul 31, 2023 at 2:28 PM John Finnell <JFinnell@villageofhinsdale.org> wrote:

Bob,

I inspected the American elm and American linden in the parkway today. Attached is a permit application for tree work on private property. Please complete the application and email it to me. I will look into the possibility of removal and get back with you.

John

John Finnell

Village of Hinsdale

Superintendent of Parks and Forestry

P 630 789 7043

E jfinnell@villageofhinsdale.org



From: Robert Fleck <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, July 31, 2023 9:10 AM

To: John Finnell <JFinnell@villageofhinsdale.org>; Peter Corluka <[REDACTED]>; Katielee Goodwin Romeo <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Fwd:

John,

Per the voicemail I left you today I am sending the same request via email. This is in regards to a preserved tree at 425 E. 7th St. The new home is being built by Courtyard Homes for Dr. Anthony and Kate Romeo. Per the tree preservation plan and below picture there are two parkway trees on the SW corner of the lot. One is a junk siberian elm that is growing crooked. I am certain this was a volunteer that was left alone for many decades. This elm is not in the best condition expected to become a maintenance hazard overtime. I am requesting the permission to remove the junk elm to favor the Linden tree that was undoubtedly planted to be the parkway tree. To mitigate the removal of the crooked elm we would plant a new parkway tree at the SE corner of the lot. Please confirm your response to this request.

Bob Fleck

Landscape Architect

Bob Fleck
Sent from my iPhone