



## MEETING AGENDA

### SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TREE BOARD

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

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** – September 7, 2021
3. **DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION**
  - a) 121 South Monroe Street
  - b) 322 West Second Street
  - c) 444 East Fourth Street
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
5. **ADJOURNMENT**

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**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TREE BOARD  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
September 7, 2021**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The specially scheduled meeting of the Tree Board was called to order by Acting Chair Scott Banke in Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., roll call was taken.

Present: Acting Chair Scott Banke and Trustees Matt Posthuma, Laurel Haarlow and Michelle Fisher

Absent: None

Also Present: Assistant to the Village Manager Trevor Bosack, Superintendent of Parks and Forestry John Finnell, and Village Clerk Christine Bruton

**2. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION**

**a) 626 Woodland Avenue**

Superintendent of Parks and Forestry John Finnell introduced the matter and explained that the contractor for this new home construction has made this request in order to repair and reuse the existing sanitary line. They explored other options to minimize disruption to the road and the area. Mr. Finnell noted there is a Landmark American Elm that would suffer if the sewer lines were relocated. Therefore, the better option is to remove the Ash tree on the parkway. Chairman Banke noted that there have been issues with the Emerald Ash borer for many years. Mr. Finnell agreed, noting this particular tree has been treated since 2011, and is good condition. He noted the applicant will pay the \$5,000 fee to remove the tree, and install another after the work is complete. Following questions from Trustee Haarlow, he explained that the annual cost to treat this Ash tree is about \$25.00, and that for the sake of consistency in these matters, there is one fee charged, regardless of the size of the tree being removed, and a 1-1 tree replacement policy.

There were no further question from the Board.

Trustee Posthuma moved to **approve the request for 626 Woodland Avenue**. Trustee Fisher seconded the motion.

Voice vote taken, all in favor. Motion carried.

**b) 439 North Bruner Street**

Mr. Finnell introduced the matter and explained this is a non-traditional parkway; unmaintained, or in a natural state. It has not faired well, and the resident is requesting to re-landscape as a traditional parkway. He noted the Village has no financial investment in the current plantings. Chairman Banke confirmed that the applicant will bear the expense of all repairs and the replacement of trees; and Mr. Finnell added a lot of vegetation will be removed, and he believes the proposed plan is an improvement. Mr. Finnell noted the Village maintains parkway trees following expiration of any warranty on the tree. Discussion followed regarding the maintenance of parkway trees. Mr. Finnell said there would be a Village review of new trees for site lines. Chairman Banke noted the applicant is asking for a fee waiver since they are planting all the trees, and as their investment is

substantial, he has no issue with fee waiver. Discussion followed regarding the fee. Trustee Banke suggested approval pending Mr. Finnell's confirmation that a 3" inch redbud and 6-8' foot tall arborvitae are installed, per industry standards as a compromise for the fee waiver. The Board agreed.

Chairman Banke moved to **approve the request for proposed improvements and fee waiver for 439 North Bruner Street, subject to applicant having met the stipulations for the size of the trees.** Trustee Haarlow seconded the motion.

Voice vote taken, all in favor. Motion carried.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, Trustee Fisher **moved to adjourn the meeting of the Tree Board of September 7, 2021.** Trustee Posthuma seconded the motion. Voice vote taken, all in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christine M. Bruton, Village Clerk





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**DATE:** October 29, 2021  
**TO:** Chairman Banke and Tree Board Members  
**FROM:** John Finnell, Superintendent of Parks and Forestry  
**RE:** Parkway Tree Removal Request – 121 S Monroe Street

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Mr. Jeremy Svabek is requesting a permit to remove a Norway maple in the parkway in front of his home in order to install a driveway. Currently there is no driveway for the home and access is through a Burlington Northern Rail Road access south of the home. Mr. Svabek has provided additional information that is included in the packet for review by the Tree Board.

The tree is a mature Norway maple that has a 25" diameter at 4.5' above grade. The estimated height of the tree is 50' and the estimated canopy width is 45'. The tree's condition is good, and the shoot growth in the canopy is average. There are no significant visible structural defects in the trunk, or scaffold branches. The tree canopy is unbalanced due to utility line clearance pruning. The tree is properly spaced in the parkway and provides a positive impact on the street corridor.

Staff determined that the tree does not meet the forestry program's requirements for tree removal because the tree is not dead, dangerous or in significant decline and did not permit the initial request for removal of the tree. In response to the denial of tree removal by Staff, the resident is requesting consideration from the Tree Board.

Board Action for Consideration:

Staff is seeking a recommendation from the Tree Board on the removal of the tree under section of the Village Code (Title 7, Chapter 2, Section 2 B1).



## John Finnell

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**From:** Jeremy Svabek <jsvabek0320@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 20, 2021 3:43 PM  
**To:** John Finnell  
**Subject:** Re: Parkway Tree Removal - 121 S Monroe

**Follow Up Flag:** Flag for follow up  
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John,

Thank you for your response. The house I bought is on a property that does not currently have a garage or driveway. The deal to purchase the house was contingent on the ability to put a detached garage on the property. The current outdoor parking on the property is accessible through an adjacent service road that is owned by the railroad company (Burlington Northern Sante Fe). Since I moved into the house, there have been many instances of getting blocked in by railroad employees (making it difficult to access the outdoor parking via the service road). In my opinion, the best solution to this issue is to build a driveway along the south end of my property so I would not have to use the service road anymore. The goal is to build a garage where the current outdoor parking area is located, with access to the garage through a driveway on the property instead of through the service road. To do this, I would need to remove the tree that you inspected earlier in October. The tree is located near my property on the east side of South Monroe Street between the curb and the sidewalk (121 S Monroe St). Can you help arrange a Tree Board Meeting for my removal request?

Thank you for your time and assistance,

Jeremy Svabek  
708.306.5070

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 20, 2021, at 3:05 PM, John Finnell <JFinnell@villageofhinsdale.org> wrote:

Hi Jeremy,

You would need to go to a Tree Board Meeting with your tree removal request. They meet on an as needed basis. I would need some background information prior to scheduling the meeting to put in the meeting packet on the justification for removal. You can send this to me by email. I would hold off on removal quotes until after the meeting, pricing can change significantly and most quotes are only good for a couple weeks.

Best regards,

John

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Superintendent of Parks and Forestry

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**From:** Jeremy Svabek <jsvabek0320@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 19, 2021 2:34 PM

**To:** John Finnell <JFinnell@villageofhinsdale.org>

**Subject:** Re: Parkway Tree Removal - 121 S Monroe

Good afternoon John,

I apologize for the late response, it has been a hectic couple of weeks! Now, if I wanted to submit an application for the tree board to have the tree removed, what would my next steps be? I know there is a fee associated with the application/permit. Should I get a quote to remove the tree before I apply for the permit? I just stopped by village hall to see if I could meet up with you in person and discuss, but the lady at the front desk mentioned that you are typically out in the field. Let me know what you think.

Have a good rest of your day!

Jeremy Svabek

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Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 4, 2021, at 10:14 AM, John Finnell <JFinnell@villageofhinsdale.org> wrote:

Hi Jeremy

I inspected the parkway Norway maple on Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and although there is significant pruning due to line clearance operations the tree is in good structural condition and health and does not meet the guidelines for the removal. Here is some information from the Village's Tree Manual:

- The purpose of removing trees is to maintain public safety. Trees are removed because they are dead or declining (including decay and loss of structural stability) or have been damaged by storms and lightning. Trees are not removed when there are perceived nuisances. These nuisances may include leaf drop, small twig drop, flowers, fruits or nuts, sap, insects or other wildlife.

In order to remove a parkway tree that does not have these conditions you would need the approval of the Village's Tree Board and secure a permit to remove the parkway tree. The Tree Board members will inspect the tree and determine if the removal request is acceptable. If you would like to have the Tree Board review your request,



please provide an email outlining your concerns to the Board members. There is a permit fee required. The Village Code is below:

**B. Work On Public Trees:**

**1. Permit Required:** It shall be unlawful to remove, cut down or otherwise work on any tree or shrub in any public street or parkway or other public place without having first secured a permit from the village. Applications for such permits shall be made to the director of public services or the village forester, who shall have authority to issue such permits for good cause shown. The director of public services or the village forester may, at his or her discretion, seek a recommendation on the issuance of a permit hereunder from the tree board (as established under section 7-2-10 of this chapter). Except as set forth below, a fee of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) shall be paid to the village for any permit issued hereunder to remove or cut down any tree in any public street or parkway. However, the fee for issuance of a permit to remove or cut down a tree under this section shall be increased to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) if the owner of any property for which a building permit has been issued applies for a permit hereunder after the issuance of the building permit.

2. Permit To Move A Public Tree: No fee hereunder shall apply for a permit issued to move a tree on any public street or parkway to another location on a public street or parkway (said location to be determined by the director of public services or the village forester); provided, however, that any permit to move such a tree shall provide that if, within a time specified by the director of public services or the village forester (not to exceed 36 months) from the date of the issuance of the permit, the tree dies then the five thousand dollar (\$5,000.00) fee designated under subsection B1 of this section shall apply and be paid to the Village. Death of a tree shall be determined at the sole discretion of the Director of Public Services or the Village Forester.

3. Work Without A Permit: Any person who removes or cuts down any tree in any public street or parkway or other public place without a permit from the Village, or causes the death of a tree in any public street or parkway or other public place by negligence or failure to adequately protect said tree during construction on that person's property, shall pay the Village a permit fee of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00).

4. Diseased Or Damaged Trees; Health Of Surrounding Trees: The fees set forth under this provision regarding permits for the removal or moving of trees and removal of trees without a permit shall not apply if in the opinion of the Director of Public Services or the Village Forester the tree should be removed: a) due to disease or damage unrelated to any construction on the property; or b) if removal of the tree due to its location, condition or other factors would benefit the health and/or viability of surrounding trees.

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.

6. Commercial Development: The fees set forth under this provision regarding permits for the removal or moving of trees and removal of trees without a permit shall not apply if the removal or moving of said tree(s) is pursuant to a landscape plan approved by the Board of Trustees as part of a commercial development.

7. Public Tree Appeals: An appeal from the decision of the Director of Public Services or the Village Forester regarding a permit under this section or the imposition of a related fee may be taken to the Tree Board by the person or entity aggrieved by said decision, any such appeal to be taken within sixty (60) days of the date of the decision. The decision of the Tree Board in the case of an appeal shall be final.

8. Work On Public And Private Trees: Any person doing tree work on elm or ash trees on either public or private property in the Village is required to sanitize their equipment by cleaning all pruning and cutting tools with rubbing alcohol between uses so as to prevent the spread of disease or fungus. (Ord. O2016-16, 3-17-2016)

**9. Tree Fund: All fees collected pursuant to this provision shall be placed in a Tree Fund, the proceeds of which shall be used only for the replacement of trees on public property or for the maintenance or treatment of trees on public property or, with the consent of the Tree Board, for educational or informational programming or materials pertaining directly to trees on public property, including information regarding the varieties of trees, as well as their maintenance and preservation. (Ord. O2017-06, 3-7-2017)**

Please let me know if you have any questions and concerns.

Best regards,

John

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**DATE:** October 29, 2021  
**TO:** Chairman Banke and Tree Board Members  
**FROM:** John Finnell, Superintendent of Parks and Forestry  
**RE:** Parkway Tree Removal Request – 322 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

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Mr. Zaim Sakiri is requesting a permit to remove a littleleaf linden in the parkway to install a driveway as part of a new residential construction project. Mr. Sakiri has provided additional information that is included in the packet for review by the Tree Board.

The tree is a mature littleleaf linden that has a 24" diameter at 4.5' above grade. The estimated height of the tree is 60' and the estimated canopy width is 45'. The tree's condition is good, and the shoot growth in the canopy is average. There are no significant visible structural defects in the trunk, or scaffold branches. The base of the tree has swelling at the graft union. The tree is properly spaced in the parkway and provides a positive impact on the street corridor.

Staff determined that the tree does not meet the forestry program's requirements for tree removal because the tree is not dead, dangerous or in significant decline and did not permit the initial request for removal of the tree. In response to the denial of tree removal by Staff, Mr. Sakiri is requesting consideration from the Tree Board.

Board Action for Consideration:

Staff is seeking a recommendation from the Tree Board on the removal of the tree under section of the Village Code (Title 7, Chapter 2, Section 2 B1).



## John Finnell

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**From:** John Finnell  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 11:15 AM  
**To:** Zaim Sakiri  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; George Peluso; Christine Bruton  
**Subject:** RE: 322 W 2nd Street

Hello Mr. Sakiri

Thank you for stopping by to discuss the tree and proposed drive. As part of the building permit application process, I inspected the parkway Littleleaf Linden and confirmed the tree is in good structural condition and health and does not meet the guidelines for the removal. Here is some information from the Village's Tree Manual:

- The purpose of removing trees is to maintain public safety. Trees are removed because they are dead or declining (including decay and loss of structural stability) or have been damaged by storms and lightning. Trees are not removed when there are perceived nuisances. These nuisances may include leaf drop, small twig drop, flowers, fruits or nuts, sap, insects or other wildlife.

In order to remove a parkway tree that does not have these conditions you would need the approval of the Village's Tree Board and secure a permit to remove the parkway tree. The Tree Board members will inspect the tree and determine if the removal request is acceptable. I will work towards getting a meeting set up and let you know when we have a meeting time and date.. The Tree Board review your request as outlined in your email below. There is a permit fee required. The Village Code is below:

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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.

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**From:** Zaim Sakiri <zalmsakiri@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 10:17 AM  
**To:** John Finnell <JFinnell@villageofhinsdale.org>  
**Cc:** patrickdoherty@ameritech.net  
**Subject:** 322 W 2nd Street

Good morning Mr. Finnell,

It was a pleasure meeting you today to discuss our project, especially the concern about the tree being in the middle of the proposed driveway. From the day we purchased the property, we knew due to the size of the lot, this would be very challenging to build a house that would flow with the contour of the beautiful homes in the vicinity. So I took the first step and I approach the neighbors and listened to their concerns and opinions and consulted with our engineer and architect. This was the best and only option to pursue due to the fact that if we push the garage back, there will be no yard for the kids and would be too close to the neighbor's property and the back yard would be taken by a long driveway which would reduce the appearance and functionality as well as the value of the house. That's why Mr. Finnell I ask you and the board to take this into consideration. were looking forward to working with you and getting this resolved.

Thank you

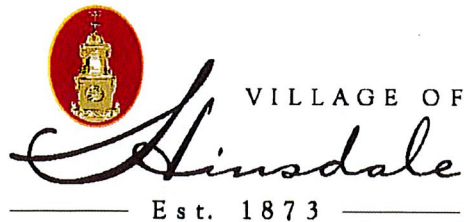
sincerely,  
Zaim Sakiri

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**DATE:** October 29, 2021  
**TO:** Chairman Banke and Tree Board Members  
**FROM:** John Finnell, Superintendent of Parks and Forestry  
**RE:** Parkway Tree Removal Request – 444 East 4th Street

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Mr. Bruce Ritter of Tiburon Homes is requesting a permit to remove three (3) American elm trees, one (1) Norway maple tree, one (1) mulberry tree, seven (7) yews and one (1) Colorado spruce in the parkway of Woodside Avenue to install a driveway as part of a new residential construction project. Mr. Ritter has provided additional information that is included in the packet for review by the Tree Board.

Staff determined that five (5) of the thirteen (13) trees do not meet the forestry program's requirements for tree removal because the trees are not dead, dangerous or in significant decline and did not permit the initial request for removal of the trees. These trees are the American elms, the Norway maple and the mulberry. In response to the denial of tree removal by Staff, Mr. Ritter is requesting reconsideration from the Tree Board.

The first tree is a mature American elm tree that has a 21" diameter at 4.5' above grade. The estimated height of the tree is 40' and the estimated canopy width is 40'. The tree's condition is fair, and the shoot growth in the canopy is average. There are no significant visible structural defects in the trunk, or scaffold branches. The tree is not properly spaced in the parkway and is crowded but does provides a positive impact on the street corridor. The Village has been treating this elm every three (3) years since 2007 for improved resistance to Dutch elm disease.

The second tree is a younger American elm tree that has a 13" diameter at 4.5' above grade. The estimated height of the tree is 30' and the estimated canopy width is 30'. The tree's condition is fair, and the shoot growth in the canopy is average. There are no significant visible structural defects in the trunk, or scaffold branches. The tree is not properly spaced in the parkway and is crowded. The tree does not provide a significant positive impact on the street corridor. The tree has not been treated by the Village.

The third tree is a younger American elm tree that has a 9" diameter at 4.5' above grade. The estimated height of the tree is 30' and the estimated canopy width is 30'.



The tree's condition is fair, and the shoot growth in the canopy is average. There are no significant visible structural defects in the trunk, or scaffold branches. The tree is not properly spaced in the parkway and is crowded. The tree does not provide a significant positive impact on the street corridor. This tree has not been treated by the Village.

The fourth tree is a young Norway maple tree that has a 8" diameter at 4.5' above grade. The estimated height of the tree is 40' and the estimated canopy width is 20'. The tree's condition is fair, and the shoot growth in the canopy is average. There are no significant visible structural defects in the trunk, or scaffold branches. The tree is not properly spaced in the parkway and is crowded. The tree does not provide a significant positive impact on the street corridor.

The fifth tree is a mature mulberry tree that has a 27" diameter at 4.5' above grade. The estimated height of the tree is 40' and the estimated canopy width is 40'. The tree's condition is fair, and the shoot growth in the canopy is average. There are no significant visible structural defects in the trunk, or scaffold branches. The tree is not properly spaced in the parkway and is crowded. The tree does not provide a significant positive impact on the street corridor.

Board Action for Consideration:

Staff is seeking a recommendation from the Tree Board on the removal of the trees under section of the Village Code (Title 7, Chapter 2, Section 2 B1).





October 28, 2021

John Finnell and Tree Board Committee Members  
Village of Hinsdale  
19 Chicago Avenue  
Hinsdale, IL 60521

Subject: 444 E 4<sup>th</sup> Street Permit | Village Easement Tree Work Permit

Dear John and Tree Board Committee Members,

Attached please find the Village Easement Tree Work Permit Application (Attachment 1), the arborist's detail on tree survey & inventory (Attachment 2) and the arborists' Certificate of Insurance (Attachment 3). The property, a thru lot from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to Woodside, was subdivided and has no driveway access.

To preserve the historical 4th Street landscape, a driveway is proposed on Woodside. This proposed driveway has been seen as part of COA application process by the HPC. Committee member Jim Prisby, "loves the idea of not having the driveway on 4<sup>th</sup> Street." This approach will also keep automobiles tucked into a hidden motor court for a more attractive view in the neighborhood.

The proposed driveway will need to cross an unmaintained Village easement. The easement is overgrown, significantly eroded and given its isolated nature, is frequently used for dumping garbage. We have attached photos for reference (Attachment 4).

We have consulted with John Finnell and Al Diaz on site multiple times concerning the trees, drainage, and proposed removals. The civil engineer has determined that the topography of the property is optimal with the proposed location. We have also evaluated an alternate option where the driveway is pushed further west. Both require removal of trees. We have included the proposed and alternate locations as Attachment 5. The owner is flexible on the driveway location and will defer to the Village for decision.

The property to the east has implemented a drainage system that is working to disburse water for that property and to preserve that program there is a property deed that stipulates the driveway be located on the west side of the lot.



Our requests for approval are as follows:

1. Remove 5 trees to accommodate the proposed driveway location. The arborist has determined their health as "fair." The alternate option will require removal of 6 trees in good health.
2. Restore and maintain the easement. This will include removal of a dead tree, weeds, overgrown yews, grading the erosion including installing a rock garden and removal of a crumbling fireplace left on the lot. The homeowner plans to add eastern hemlock, dense yews, and landscape plants to promote a full and healthy street corridor. Attached is a schematic (Attachment 6) illustrating the vision of the restored area.

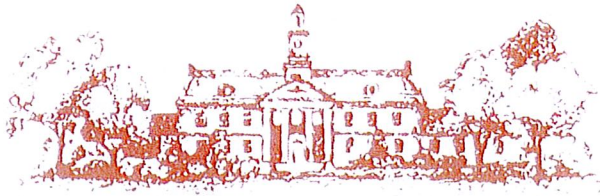
We respectfully request the Village agree to allow the driveway access and the restoration of the easement. We also ask the Village waive all fees for tree removals. The owner is prepared to cover the expense of the removals, the added plantings, grading/installation of a rock garden, installation of drainage methods and ongoing maintenance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  


Bruce Ritter  
Tiburon Homes LLC





## VILLAGE OF HINSDALE

FOUNDED IN 1873

### Public Services Department

#### PARKWAY TREE WORK PERMIT

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ October 28, 2021 \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_ 444 E 4th Street \_\_\_\_\_

Type of work: (circle one or more)

TREATMENT

REMOVAL

Number & Species of trees: 3 Elm trees, 1 Maple tree, 1 Mulberry tree, 7 Yews,  
1 Dead Blue Spruce (See attached schedule)

Contractor Information:

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nels Johnson Tree Experts \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Sam Conrad \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ 912 Pitner Avenue \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Evanston, IL 60202 \_\_\_\_\_

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(mandatory)

IF TREATMENT

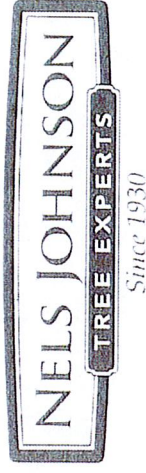
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Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Village Forester

Date



**Project:** Driveway Construction and Village Easement  
**Worksite:** 444 E 4th St, Hinsdale, IL  
**Date:** 10/15/2021  
**Surveyor:** Sam Conrad

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### Tree Survey and Inventory

ID #	Common Name	Species	DBH	Condition	Comments
1683	American Elm	Ulmus americana	13	Fair	Leaning trunk over projected drive, Major projected root loss from construction of drive
1684	American Elm	Ulmus americana	9	Fair	Major projected root loss from construction of drive
1685	American Elm	Ulmus americana	21	Fair	Leaning trunk over projected drive, Major projected root loss from construction of drive
1686	Mulberry	Morus species	27	Fair	Cavity, Crack, Major projected root loss from construction of drive
1735	Colorado Blue Spruce	Picea pungens 'glauca'	5	Dead	
1741	Norway Maple	Acer platanoides	6	Good	Major projected root loss from construction of drive
1742	Common Yew	Taxus baccata	3, 3, 3, 2, 2, 2	Fair	Overgrown/Unkempt growth pattern, to be replaced with new yew hedge
1743	Common Yew	Taxus baccata	3, 3, 3, 2, 2, 3	Fair	Overgrown/Unkempt growth pattern, to be replaced with new yew hedge
1744	Common Yew	Taxus baccata	4, 3, 2, 2, 2, 2	Fair	Overgrown/Unkempt growth pattern, to be replaced with new yew hedge
1745	Common Yew	Taxus baccata	4, 4, 3, 3, 3, 2	Fair	Overgrown/Unkempt growth pattern, to be replaced with new yew hedge
1746	Common Yew	Taxus baccata	4, 4, 4, 3, 2	Fair	Overgrown/Unkempt growth pattern, to be replaced with new yew hedge
1747	Common Yew	Taxus baccata	3, 3, 2, 2	Fair	Overgrown/Unkempt growth pattern, to be replaced with new yew hedge
1748	Common Yew	Taxus baccata	3, 3, 3, 2, 2, 2	Fair	Overgrown/Unkempt growth pattern, to be replaced with new yew hedge



AVENUE

MANHOLE  
RIM:694.62  
T/PIPE:694.07  
FLOODED

$R=849.92'$   
 $L=97.36'$

ASPHALT  
PAVEMENT

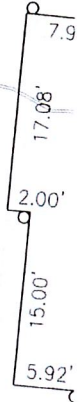
FLARED END  
SECTION  
INV.:692.68

TRENCH DRAIN  
RIM:695.30  
INV.:693.06(E)  
INV.:692.79(W)

IDE

TRENCH DRAIN  
RIM:693.50

$L=33.81'$   
 $R=61.97'$



A large, dense, green tree with a thick trunk, standing in a field. The tree is the central focus of the image, with its branches spreading out in all directions. The leaves are a vibrant green, and the trunk is a dark brown. The background is a bright, overexposed area, possibly a field or a path, which makes the tree stand out prominently.

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NOTE: REFER TO THE TREE PRESERVATION PLAN PREPARED BY LANDMARK ENGINEERING, LLC, FOR FULL INVENTORY OF EXISTING TREES TO REMAIN AND TO BE REMOVED



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