



**Parks Committee Meeting Minutes  
July 27, 2011**

Meeting was called to order at 7:49 p.m.

**Present:**

Bonnie Gordon, Sue Cox, Kathy Rhoads, Roger Kilgore, Jon Sobczak, and Jim Lovejoy.

Jim Lovejoy shared a letter written from Jay Dalton at Treemasters Tree Service. The letter is attached.

**Supervisor's Report**

The department has mowed once a week and trimmed trees downtown and in the parks. Russ Luyster, a Tree Arborist and Forester, recommends planting lilac trees. Jay Dalton was able to show Jon how the tree at Cy Hewit was decaying from the inside out. The tree has been cut down and taken to the shop. The wood will be listed for sale in the Trading Post. Jay went above and beyond and hung up the American Flag.

There are six more trees down at Leohr Park and part of the pavilion roof is off.

The department will be getting the new 2012 truck for 2011 pricing. The truck should be here in September.

**Unfinished Business:**

There is no further information on the BMX trail.

**Privilege of the Floor:**

Dave Johnson would like to know if there is somewhere he can store the plastic eggs used for the Egg Hunt. Kathy Rhoads motioned to store the eggs at the Lions Pavilion and it was seconded by Bonnie Gordon. Aye votes all.

Dave Johnson inquired about receiving help with barricades for the Run for Trails on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Bonnie Gordon will give a list to Jon Sobczak.

It has been brought to the Committee's attention that the person who took down the Library tree is a sexual predator. This information was very upsetting to everyone. Roger Kilgore apologized and said he did not know of the individual's problems. There were many discussions on how this happened and how it can be prevented from happening again.

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It was noted by many that Jon Sobczak is a good and dedicated employee who loves his job and puts the Village first. There is frustration with Jon having to report to two different chairs and this puts Jon in the middle. Jon asked Council to please decide on a better route.

The discussions continued on how we can make the decision making easier. Jim Lovejoy offered to step down if that helped. Sue Cox feels things need to be changed immediately due to the hostile environment that has been created. It was agreed to talk with the Solicitor and see what changes can be made.

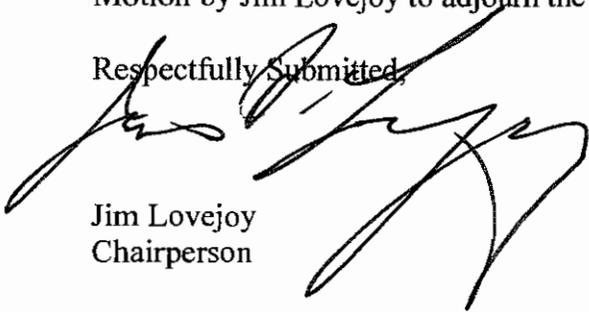
New Business:

None

Motion by Jim Lovejoy to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Lovejoy  
Chairperson

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Lovejoy', is written over the printed name and title.

Treemasters Tree Service

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July 23, 2011

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To The Village of Seville,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing Treemasters to provide Seville with tree care services. It was a pleasure to work with Jon Sobczak and the rest of the crew. They were all positive and eager to learn of why we performed some of the techniques we use in modern arboriculture.

We focused on immediate needs of the trees as well as aesthetics and safety for the village. Sometimes to do what is right for the trees does not always mean they will look good right a way. We also try to implement the 1/4 rule as far as not to remove more than 1/4 of the live foliage at one time. This makes it hard for the tree to close up the cut wounds before they start to decay. At the same time we had to consider safety and building maintenance such as the maple by the railroad tracks on W. Main St. and the pin oak next to the gazebo at Stan Hope.

It is important to practice tree care while following the industry standards for safety, pruning, and removal of trees. Information and technology is forever advancing and tree care has evolved immensely since the 80's and even the 90's. We pride ourselves on performing safe and efficient tree care services while following those standards. We appreciate Seville utilizing our services and look forward to working with the village again.

Thanks Again,

Jay Dalton and all of us at Treemasters

July 24, 2011

Mayor Carol Carter  
120 Royal Crest Drive  
Seville, Ohio 44273

RE: Streets and Parks

Dear Mayor Carter:

I am writing to you to express appreciation for the gentlemen of our Streets and Parks Department. They are hard working and respectful of our community and deserve the same in return. With the economic downturn, everyone has had to work a little harder and perhaps take on duties that were not traditionally theirs. I know they are all working hard to make sure that our village continues to look beautiful and well manicured as well as handling the entire behind-the-scenes managing of paperwork, phone calls and vendor contacts. As a resident I would certainly be in favor of anything that can be done to make sure that they are able to perform their jobs as efficiently and effectively as possible. As the Mayor I would think that you and our Village Council would want the same.

Sincerely,

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