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Subject: RE: Trees along Beech and Shelbourne

Pam –

I drove by the trees this morning to assess the situation.

Starting from the intersection of Towanda and Shelbourne and moving west, most of those trees are ornamental crabapples, and a few other species mixed in. Some of the crabapples have a disease causing dead spots throughout the canopy. Unfortunately there isn't much we can do about that. Those are older varieties of crabapple trees that we no longer plant due to the common diseases it contracts. The rest of the trees between Towanda and Biltmore are showing signs of drought stress, one tree that looks like it was planted 2-3 years ago has died. That tree will be removed and replaced.

Moving West from the intersection of Biltmore and Shelbourne, trees in that section have taken a beating. Many trees have been removed from that stretch, we have chosen traditionally hardy trees, but nothing has lived long in that stretch. Some have been hit by cars, others have died from environmental stress. We are going to send in soil samples in that area to see if there is something in the soil causing us issues. Then as you move to the intersection of Beech and Shelbourne, there are 3 trees that are in rough shape. 2 of them are completely defoliated and 1 that has leaves, but does not look good. All three in my opinion are suffering from drought stress. When we are in the area with our water trucks we can give them a little extra water, but at this point I'm not sure how much good that will do. They may come out of it in Spring, or they may have issues in Spring it is tough to tell at this point.

On Beech street, those trees were planted this Spring, and have been watered once a week or more to this point. Most of them look to be in good shape, again they have had little water beside what we have given them, so they don't look as good as they could if we would have had a little help from Mother Nature. There are 3 trees to the North on Beech that have died, and will be replaced in the coming weeks when we plant trees this Fall. Even from the beginning, when those trees were planted they were struggling. We hoped we could nurse them back to health, but unfortunately they did not make it.

If there are any other questions or concerns about this, please let us know and we can address them. Thanks and have a great day.

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All,

A Council member received a concern from a citizen about the state of the trees in the parkway along Shelbourne and Beech. My understanding is the trees along Shelbourne may be in the worst condition. Can you please take a look at the trees and give me your assessment/reaction to the situation?

Thanks,

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