

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN

FOR PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Mr. Gary Tauferner is using City Ordinance Sec 56-23 Appeal, to request the city remove a newly planted tree in the public right-of-way in front of his house at 2606 Grey Fox Court.

REPORT PREPARED BY: Joe Kerlin, Superintendent of Parks and Forestry

REPORT DATE: October 18, 2023

MEETING DATE: October 24, 2023

FISCAL SUMMARY:

Budget Line Item: N/A
Budget Summary: N/A
Budget Expenditure: N/A
Budgeted Revenue: N/A

STATUTORY REFERENCE:

Wisconsin Statutes: N/A
Municipal Code: Sec 56-23

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS: See attached communication written by Gary Tauferner.

STAFF COMMENTS: The tree Gary Tauferner is referring to was removed in 2022. It is true that Gary stated he did not want a tree. However, Tim Bull, the City Forester, said he would not plant a tree in 2022, but reserved the right to plant one in the future.

The urban forest of Sheboygan provides a multitude of aesthetic, economical, and environmental benefits to citizens, businesses, and visitors alike. Beyond shade and beauty, trees also have practical benefits and real monetary value communities sometimes are unaware of. Unlike other public infrastructure components, properly planted and maintained trees increase in value over time.

Tree-lined streets are a part of the Gray Fox Court original plat. The tree planted is replacing a tree that was removed. It is not a new planting site. Currently, it is the Department of Public Works planting policy to replace removed trees that provide a good planting site, as well as, filling open planting sites.

ACTION REQUESTED: Motion to recommend the Common Council file Mr. Gary Tauferner's request.

ATTACHMENTS:

- I. Gary Tauferner communication
- II. Sec 56-23