

City of Sheboygan – DPW

Diane Daehn

3106 S. 20<sup>th</sup> Street

Sheboygan, WI 53081

My name is Carrie Strassburg, daughter and caretaker to Diane Daehn. We do not want any trees planted on the property of 3106 S. 20<sup>th</sup> Street. She is elderly and will not take care of them. She will get 2 and one planted right in front of her front window blocking her view to the outside. It will also be an inconvenience to anyone cutting her lawn. It is also on a curve with a street light. If you look at the sidewalks in this neighborhood it is dangerous for her to walk with the sidewalks already all heaved up by tree roots from the last planting of free trees the city planted. Put it on the list to repair these please. Why don't we fix all the sidewalks in the whole city first then try again. As a property owner, I don't want any. They are a mess, heave the sidewalks, fill the sewers, mess up gas/water lines! I do not see your employee's going door to door raking leaves. My suggestion is to ask people if they want them, give them a choice, or the city can buy property and plant a bunch for a public tree park. Also, set aside land for future growth of trees for lumber for building homes with. Fruit/nut trees the city can sell for profit and food. Make jobs for employees to care and manage these forests of trees you need to plant. I ride my bike in the city and the streets are terrible. Can we find money to pay for employees to fix our infrastructure first then with spare time, do these frivolous projects. You have got to have plow drivers that know what streets are bad and need repair. Ask the post people what sidewalks need repair. They walk on the grass to avoid sidewalks. Put out a letter to all city land owners and openly ask what sidewalks need repair and then fix them. What sewer openings need cleaning? Make it more publicly known to make a claim to have public work done.

In closing, why did the city not put on the postcard that you need to write a letter requesting no tree and by what date. To be delivered by hand to New Jersey Avenue. You were not transparent with this. Will the city be repairing property that the trees die on and replant, reseed, and water the grass to bring it back to what it was before your project? Many do not want these trees. Will the city be raking and gathering these leaves for pickup in the yards of its residents. Go around and sweep sidewalks of slippery leaves when wet in fall. Go to the doors of the residents and ask first before digging up grass to plant these trees. Please donate my mom's two trees to a local park and you can take care of the labor needed to mature these trees. I have seen trees that are dead and have not been removed, roots removed, dirt filled in, grass reseeded and maintained in the past. A few in this neighborhood just had that done this past fall.

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