VILLAGE OF BEECHER

Tree Planting Policy

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The Village has put together a policy for the planting of parkway trees by individual residents in the Village. All newly-constructed homes are required to plant parkway trees, and existing homeowners can plant at their option if they do not wish to wait for the Village parkway tree planting program. The following is what is required by the Village for planting a parkway tree:

1. One tree per parkway, unless the home is built on a corner lot. Then two trees are required, one on each frontage. A site survey must be taken by public works approving the location of the tree(s). Stake chosen site and complete application.

2. All trees must be 2-1/2" caliper and 7' in height. NO EXCEPTIONS.

3. Before planting, call JULIE at 8-1-1 to have all of the underground wiring and piping located.

4. Trees can no longer be planted under overhead wires.

5. The entire ball of the tree (root system) must be below grade at time of planting.

6. The following is a list of recommended trees to be planted in the Village of Beecher:

AMERICAN LINDEN: Mature height of 60', medium growth rate, and yellow fall color. Tolerant of urban conditions.

AUTUMN BLAZE MAPLE: Cross between Silver and Red Maple. Mature height of 80'. Blend of red, orange, yellow and green fall color, fast growing. Seedless, adapts well to urban conditions.

BUR OAK: Large tree. Medium to slow growing, very sturdy, long lived tree. Eventually 60'+ tall with an equal spread. Native to Illinois.

GINKGO (MALE): Approximate mature height of 60'. Pyramidal in form, unique fan shaped leaves on ascending branches. The leaves turn yellow in the fall. Slow growth. Very resistant to insects, diseases and city conditions.

HACKBERRY: Approximate mature height of 60'+. Fairly free of disease and insect pests. Elm-like leaves turn yellow in fall. Medium growth.

HONEYLOCUST (THORNLESS): Approximate mature height of 50' with spread of 40', somewhat vase shaped. Foliage is fine textured with small leaflets which turn yellow in fall. Very tolerant of urban conditions, salt and pollution.

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HYBRID ELM: Many varieties are available that are resistant to Dutch Elm Disease (Homestead, Pioneer, Regal). Mature height of 60', vase shaped, with yellow fall color. Fast growing and very adaptable to urban conditions.

KENTUCKY COFFEE TREE (MALE): Mature height to 60'. Compound leaves, interesting bark and form, few pests, tolerant of urban soils and conditions (Plant seedless male varieties if available.)

LITTLE LEAF LINDEN: Many varieties available. Approximate mature height of 50'. Dense pyramidal form with compact glossy foliage. Unusual fragrant flowers in early July. Medium growth, yellow fall color.

NORWAY MAPLE: Many varieties available including “Crimson King” which has maroon leaves. Tolerant of urban conditions. Grows to a height of 50' with dark green or maroon leaves.

RED MAPLE: Many varieties available. Approximate mature height of 40'. Red and occasionally yellow and orange leaves in the fall. Red flowers in the spring. Medium growth. Requires good soil conditions for best growth.

RED OAK: Basically pyramidal in form, native to this area and soil. Foliage is dark glossy green in summer. Leaves turn red to brown in fall. Mature height of 60', medium growth. Requires good soil conditions.

SWAMP WHITE OAK: Mature height of 60'. Medium growth. Native to Illinois, tolerates road salts and poorly drained soil. Yellow to brown fall color.

SUGAR MAPLE: Mature height to 60'. Excellent fall color, medium growth rate. “Green mountain” cultivar preferred. Better suited for urban conditions and clay soils of our region.

ZELKOVA: Medium sized tree; interesting bark and fall color. Similar to elm tree in leaf and form. Resistant to Dutch Elm disease. Mature height of 50', medium growth.

OTHER SPECIES THAT MAY BE APPROVED BY THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER:

Alder, Bald Cypress, Beech, Black Walnut, Catalpa, Dawn Redwood, Hickory species, American Hornbeam, European Hornbeam, Katsura, Larch, London Plane Tree, Chestnut Oak, Shingle Oak, White Oak, Chinkapin Oak, English Oak, Sweetgum, Sycamore, Tulip Tree, Turkish Filbert, Serviceberry, Redbud, Ornamental Crabapple, Magnolia, Horsechestnut, Buckeye and Ironwood.

SPECIES NOT APPROVED:

SILVER MAPLE, ANY VARIETY OF ASH, POPLAR, WILLOW, AILANTHUS (TREE OF HEAVEN), ANY SPECIES OF EVERGREEN CONIFER, ANY SPECIES OF HAWTHORN (UNLESS THORNLESS), ELM (UNLESS DISEASE RESISTANT), PIN OAK, BOXELDER, FRUIT TREES, ORNAMENTAL PEAR, OR COTTONWOOD.

*List of approved species is subject to change.