

**ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDOR AND OPEN SPACE
COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, January 19, 2023
3:30 PM
Village Board Room**

Roll Call: Present were Dave Van Thiel, Chip Schneeberger, Jim Muenzenberger, Tom Jenson; Visitor: Tim Hallquist

1. Motion passed naming Linda Hallquist Committee Secretary.
2. The meeting minutes for November 17 were approved.
3. The committee was \$40.34 over budget for the 2022 fiscal year. Dave has an inventory of equipment purchased, and a process for checking out tools.
4. Tom is going to check on insurance coverage for scouts and high school students when they are volunteering to assist with path maintenance.

A tree fell on the south boardwalk on the Hartbrook path. The Ice Age Trail committee as repaired the boardwalk. The condition of some trees on the south path are concerning but some homeowners are not currently cooperating. In order for the village to remove a tree on private property, one of the following conditions need to exist:

1. There is damage to village property.
2. Trees have the potential to harm the path (excluding the boardwalk).
3. Trees are blocking the river.

Trees in the wetland area can also be removed, as well as trees leaning over the path, trees blocking the path and buckthorn.

The large tree that fell into the river has been removed and two more have ribbons marking future removal.

Tom mentioned bare root trees are available from the Argosy Foundation. Committee requested 27 trees and Tom recommended they be swamp-white trees.

5. The February meeting is cancelled and the next two meetings have been moved to Thursday, March 9 and Thursday April 6.
6. The meeting adjourned at 4:25