

# Trustees agree to tree compromise

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Goods offered trustees two pictures showing how to trim the tree. (Shown here at right.)

Joslyn Pinson spoke on behalf of her grandfather, the late Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman H. John Ritter. She said, "He was the harbormaster down at Lewiston Landing for many years. And I just think that, if we take care of it and it looks great, then we should just keep it."

"I rode my bike down there many years, every single year that he worked, and I always looked at that beautiful tree – and I still see it when I go down there now."

Ritter's wife, Nancy, said, "(Department of Public Works Superintendent) Larry Wills and the DPW are very much in favor of keeping the tree, and I know they would be glad to trim it. John used to come up there and trim that tree. But the last time would have been in 2017. So, it hasn't been trimmed in seven years. And I think it could be trimmed and made nice."

"If somebody wants to see the view of Canada or whatever, they can move over a little bit and look over and see it."

Welch explained, "Beautification, they asked for that, because they do such a beautiful job in this village, and they wanted to redo that park. The tree does take up a good portion of it, and it's not the best tree in the park."

"I had a visit by Rob Nichols,



who is a member of the Lions Club, and they are planting 11 new trees in the village. They wanted to put two down there – if that tree was taken down; that was the area where they would have planted."

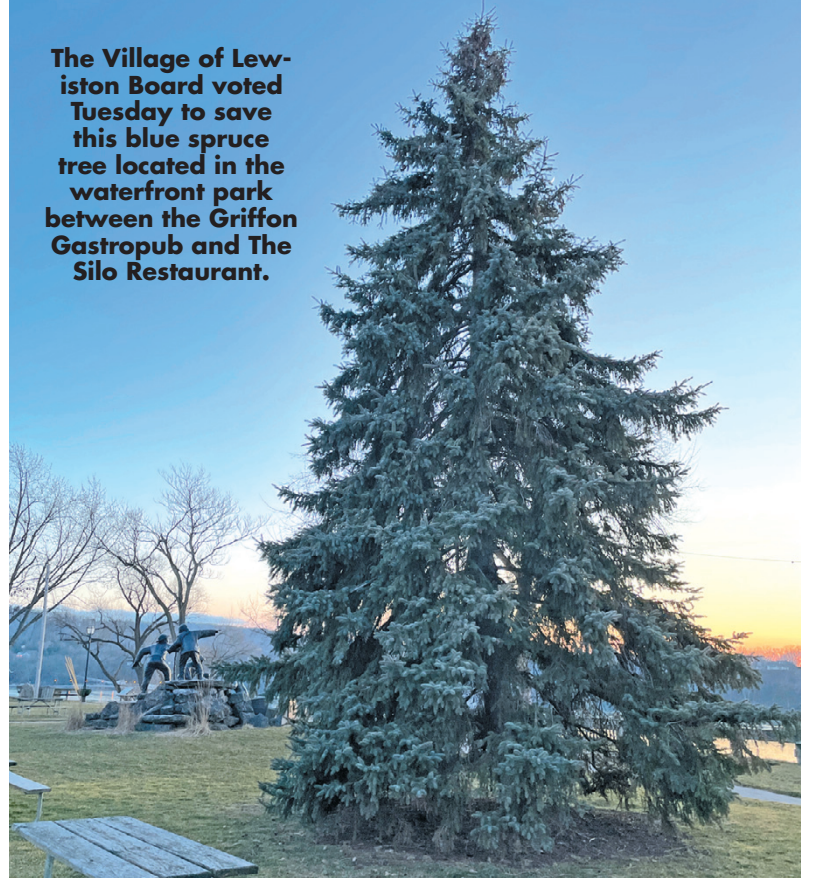
"But like I say, we appreciate Beautification. We try to help them every step of the way. And when they want to put new gardens in, or redo the parks or whatever, we try to help them in any way you can."

Lewiston Beautification Com-

mission member Susan Latka said, "It's OK to save the tree. ... We just would like the lower landing to look better. It does not look that great right now. The walkways need to be redone. The swings, the benches."

She added, "We only would like to see improvement down there. We don't have to cut down the tree. All I want to see is some improvement down there. I know you're trying to get grant money. ..."

"This was a suggestion to try



The Village of Lewiston Board voted Tuesday to save this blue spruce tree located in the waterfront park between the Griffon Gastropub and The Silo Restaurant.

and do something to improve the lower landing, to make it look more beautiful. Keeping the tree is fine. I have no problem with keeping the tree, trimming the tree."

"A lot of people complain, but they don't help. No one volunteers to help plant, to water. It only takes a couple of hours. My husband and I do it. It only takes an hour of your day – maybe one

day a week, for an hour – to help us out."

Welch noted, "If anybody is interested in joining the Garden Club or Beautification, they are always looking for volunteers. It's very worthwhile, and you can see how beautiful the village looks because of their efforts. If anyone out there would like to join, they'd be glad to have you."

# Plans in the works for Bruce Sutherland memorial

Press Release

Friends of the late Bruce Sutherland are joining together to place a memorial plaque outside of the Lewiston Public Library.

Bruce was an active volunteer

and president of the library board of trustees when he passed away in December 2021. The group is seeking to raise \$3,500 to place a bronze plaque and seating area outside of the library.

Donations for the project may be sent to:

Bruce Sutherland Memorial  
c/o Lewiston Public Library  
305 S. Eighth St.  
Lewiston, NY 14092

The plaque will read:  
Col. (Ret) Bruce R. Sutherland  
November 8, 1946 –  
December 27, 2021

"Nobody I know went about their life – personal, political, military, pilot – with more grace, humility, and goodwill. Right now, Lewiston has a hole in its heart."  
– Lewiston Resident

The Friends of the Lewiston Library and a grateful community salute Col. (Ret.) Bruce R. Sutherland in recognition of his life of service to his nation and community and his love for his family and friends.

Bruce served in many roles, in-



Bruce Sutherland

cluding president of the board of trustees of the Lewiston Library, president of the Historical Association of Lewiston, and as a member of the board of directors of the Old Fort Niagara Association. He also served as deputy mayor of the Village of Lewiston and on its board of trustees.

He graduated from Niagara County Community College; and SUNY Geneseo, with a degree in biology. Bruce also obtained a master's degree in management from the University of Southern California. After college, he joined the Air Force and enrolled in officer training school and became a pilot. During his 26-year Air Force career, Bruce and his family were assigned to far-flung locations across the U.S. and the world. His military service culminated in a promotion to colonel and his appointment as wing commander at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, Texas.

Bruce loved Lewiston and never forgot his boyhood home. After retiring from the U.S. Air Force and working as a captain for a major airline, he returned to Lewiston with his wife, Jackie, and family, and became an inspiration to his countless friends and fellow volunteers.

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