

2/27/2019
MEETING MINUTES
7:30pm Village Hall

Present: Kory Riesterer (KR), Jennifer Zwarich (JZ), Tony Bardes (TB), Charles Day (CD)

Summary:

TAB convened at 7:37pm.

1/2019 meeting minutes approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1. DEC Grant punch list and report of the chairperson on progress since last meeting
 - a) RFP in the works for pruning part of the project. Mayor has now signed grant so in process with DEC. Grant specs and changes can be added in as needed. JZ will circulate RFP and grant specs/map by email to TAB members.
 - b) Tree tagging time TBD, likely late summer or early fall as less pressing than other grant items.

2. Miscellaneous updates
 - a) Fall pruning work now completed, inspected and approved to pay invoice by Philipstown Tree Service. Pruning issue of lack of undercutting discussed by TAB. Agreed that pruning needs to follow AINSI pruning standards.
 - b) planning for 4th annual April Arbor Day
 - i) Tentatively will be Friday April 26th this year at 5:00pm. Local girl scouts to participate in annual proclamation and tree planting.
 - ii) April tree pit tutorial to be May 10th tentatively 4:00pm pending CS Chamber of Commerce approval. Location to be new tree pit in front of village hall which Dave and Stefanie Merandy donated. TB proposed idea of filming tutorial to share on YouTube/TAB website
 - c) Winter dormant pruning by JZ and CD planned for March 11 or 12
 - d) Memorial Tree Row Project Update: tabled pending TB discussion with CTC director Danielle Pack McCarthy, and KR discussion with Haldane's facilities director, Nabil Botros.

3. FY 2019/20 Budget request completed: report of the chairperson
 - a) JZ has finished and submitted TAB budget to village; not a regular budget year given grant though (village must set aside a portion to "match" grant funds, which includes matching in HWY salary funds.
 - b) TAB proposed keeping budget numbers low, 4K, in reserve for any work needed for hazards or emergencies and assumed that grant money will take care of regular maintenance this season. TB suggested TAB show how much in funds/volunteer hours board has raised vs. how much in funds we are requesting from village budget.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Discussion of failure of large Maple on Orchard Street 2/25/2019 during severe high wind event
 - a) TAB discussed proactive actions to take to protect from future events including expanding root inspection protocols for street trees above a certain DBH. Members felt it was important to PLAN in advance for roots whenever village plants trees that will eventually become large. Planning might include flexible/permeable sidewalks adjacent to trees to allow for larger rooting space and longer tree life. JZ showed TAB members a pdf of various root "solutions" typically employed in other cities.
 - b) TB asked who was responsible for tree removal cleanup and replacement; JZ will ask village clerk and report back. All members very relieved there was relatively little damage done to residence and agreed it would have been impossible to predict/know the state of Silver Maple root structure – exterior of tree did not indicate poor health.
 - c) Discussion about adding additional village trees to grant list, esp. those of greater age with greater than 20 DBH
5. Correspondence: NONE (except for grant related emails)
6. Public comment: NONE

Meeting adjourned 8:22pm. Next TAB meeting will be March 27th.