

4/3/2019  
MEETING MINUTES  
7:30pm Village Hall

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

Summary:

TAB convened at 7:35pm.

2/27/2019 meeting minutes approved 4-0.

Public Review of Tree Cutting Application of Laura Bergman, 15 Main St. Juhee Lee-Hartford of River Architects in attendance representing her client, Ms. Bergman.

Jz began with overview of TAB's purview – TAB is an advisory board so any decision made on application is conditional upon approval by VBOT. Applications go through a standardized criteria process to assist TAB in making determination. Lee- Hartford also gave background on scope of project and why application was being submitted. Further background was then given on related issues: location of both a water line and old tree stump near current tree (*Amelanchier canadensis*) and the fact tree is unlikely to survive transplant given size/age. JZ reminded everyone that for any application, main concern to TAB is to protect the public interest and ensure that no loss to village be incurred, but rather a gain.

JZ reported the application had been noticed publicly and no public comment received. Reasonable cost for replacement was discussed and Lee-Hartford reported her client was in agreement with sum. Public review was then closed as TAB deliberated internally and JZ reviewed with board members if 2 trees can be planted to replace the loss of this and whether that would represent a net positive gain for the public. Tree in question met the criteria standards for a "desirable tree" and normally would not be considered for removal. However TAB determined there were mitigating factors at this specific site which would allow consideration of the applicant's request. These included nature of easy replacement given tree in question was planted within one year prior and so was not significantly mature. Board discussed importance of replacement of similar size trees as the one removed and siting one in the planting strip of the current tree and one in near proximity. This would represent an appropriate net positive for the village.

TAB voted 4-0 to approve the application pending approval by Village Planning Board for curb cut to create a driveway in that location and conditional upon the applicant donating 2 trees of similar worth to be planted on site or in an area of close proximity (such as across the street). Removal and replanting likely to be in fall after all construction completed. No work should be done to remove the tree until chairperson confirms that these conditions are met.

Noted: applicant prefers replacement variety of single trunk such as *Syringa reticulata* which grow next door.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. DEC Grant report of the chairperson on progress: report circulated via email with TAB members; according to report we are ahead of schedule since all tree guards

have been ordered!

- a) this required progress report was submitted to DEC 3/31/19
- b) tree pit guards: meetings and orders placed – JZ reported that she met with VBOT and board decided on preferred guards (mayor Merandy strongly prefers metal guards!). Of total JZ ordered some metal guards and some HDPE. Placement will be throughout village so that every street will have an example though focus is on Main Street. Trees most in need of protection will now receive pit guards!

#### Miscellaneous updates

- a) planning for 4<sup>th</sup> annual April Arbor Day - Will be Friday April 26<sup>th</sup> this year at 4:00pm.
- b) Planning for tree pit tutorial to be May 10<sup>th</sup> 9:30am -- CS Chamber of Commerce will use this to "launch" their tree pit contest, pits to be judged and winner announced July 4<sup>th</sup> at village celebration. Mulch from Xmas trees will be moved to Main St. May 10<sup>th</sup> for pits – posters will go up and Chamber looking to partner with Adam's in terms of donations/discounts for approved pit plants.
- c) Dormant season pruning update: JZ and CD have completed more than half of work in village. JZ reported she met with a licensed IPM professional who donated his time to look at 2 Linden trees in village infected with Linden-borer disease. He will monitor trees for free this year and recommends manual squishing of visible grubs or a non-systemic pesticide application around exit holes for grub eradication.
- d) Memorial Tree Row Project Update: KR met with Haldane's facilities director, Nabil Botros, who will get back to her about tree locations. He is aware of proposed location now. TB also discussed project idea with CTC chair Danielle Pack-McCarthy. Will be 5-10 trees donated – discussion re: property line/right of way with school fence in this area. Possible for a municipality to draw up a legal outline that indicates it will care for trees even if on private (Haldane) property.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 2. Correspondence: I email from Mike Mueller 43 Garden St, desire to donate another scholar tree in this area. A donation inquiry for another requested tree at Pine and Parsonage intersection was also discussed.
- 3. Public comment: NONE

Meeting adjourned 8:38pm.