

8/28/2019  
MEETING MINUTES  
7:30pm Village Hall

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

Summary:

TAB convened at 7:36pm.

There were no minutes for approval.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Fall Planting Plan – planting likely to happen in November; aim for last 2 weeks Oct.
  - a) scheduled plantings
    - i) Pine Street donated tree by Laura Kaufman (from precious tree cutting application)
    - ii) Northern Ave. donated scholar tree (in between a prev new donation and the old Silver Maple)
    - iii) Hudson Hills adjacent tree replacement (need to fill this tree pit with something!)
    - iv) Potentially Garden Street replacement tree (see correspondence from Jen Daly)
  - b) Private donations/fundraiser will add additional trees so number as yet unknown – this is an online gofundme campaign by private citizens – the fundraiser is NOT site specific and is merely raising general funds to plant trees. TAB will determine where trees to be planted based on priority site list. If enough funds raised by Oct 1<sup>st</sup> then JZ has told citizen group that village will add the trees to our regularly scheduled fall planting.
2. DEC Grant Report of chairperson on progress: brick pavers have started being installed on Main Street!
  - a) Chairperson has submitted grant progress report #2
  - b) Outstanding work: JZ reported on fall pruning list and takedown updates from summer. TAB needs to approve list of trees yet for pruning work  
--to add to list will also be tree tagging by CSTAB members, after all take down are done. Still need screws and springs for tags. TB mentioned good idea to let HWY crew know rough dates for planting to get on their calendar – maybe last 2 weeks of Oct. JZ said she'll contact to schedule date at their convenience.
3. Miscellaneous updates
  - a) Memorial Tree Row project update: since it's been determined trees would not be on Haldane property fine to proceed. TB has not solicited donations yet but will speak to Nancy Montgomery and Mary Yanitelli. JZ to make a flyer to explain project with important info for donors. She will also research cost for stone plaque with optional donor names listed. TAB discussion ensued around number and type of trees. Once this is determined then a budget can be created and donations

solicited. Flyer to be uploaded to TAB website. TB will scope out site again to determine number of trees possible and JZ will run it by Village Board for approval. IDEA: perhaps Gordon Robertson would be willing to make a few engraved wood plaques again displaying facts etc.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

4. Tree Pruning Requests
  - a) Fran Murphy, 5 High Street, submitted a minor tree pruning request to be done by a licensed professional which JZ was allowed by our policy to approve without discussion of the board.
  - b) Gloria McVeigh submitted a complaint re: 3 trees on Condominium property across from Riverview Restaurant, saying these are an eyesore and partially dead and she would like removed. It is unclear if these trees are on village property or Condominium property so Mayor is looking into determining this before any action can be taken.
  - c) Taro Ietaka neighbor of 3 Parsonage St. requests a tree with dead limbs be either pruned or taken down. He submitted a map from 1932 showing the tree is on village property but it is unclear if property lines have been redrawn since. The Mayor is investigating this too to determine if the tree is on private or village property. JZ has circled back to check in but Mayor has said records turned up little so they will need to schedule a survey.
5. Garden Street Repaving – repaving project will necessitate take down of the sole Sweetgum tree on this street. It is a healthy tree that has been pruned poorly by the utility and is restricted in its rooting space to an extent that it will likely not do well for long term. Removal of the tree will mean residents lose another tree on a street already lacking street trees! TAB discussed the imperative that the village replaces tree with several much smaller trees in the narrow planting strip across street from current Sweetgum location which is better suited as it is not under the power lines.
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7. Other Correspondence
  - a) Jen Daly, Garden St, contacted TAB with concern about health of an ash tree in front of her house on Garden St. TAB inspected and suggest the tree is a candidate for removal due to decline. The HWY foreman took a look at it and has determined that it is not an immediate hazard and can wait for removal with the grant pruning work this fall/winter.
8. Public comment: NONE

Meeting adjourned 8:18pm. Next TAB meeting will be Sept 25, 7:30pm.