

11/20/2019
MEETING MINUTES
7:30pm Village Hall

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

Summary:

TAB convened at 7:32pm. 10/01/19 minutes approved 4-0. JZ reported a backlog of missing minutes from website; will try to get those posted.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Fall Tree Planting Plan
 - a) JZ and KR planted trees donated by outside fundraiser with help of many community volunteers (including children!) on Veteran's Day. Good weather and many hands made light work. Village trustees expressed much gratitude for everyone's help and the funds raised. Nice write-up in newspaper too. As aside JZ mentioned that Mr. Downey would ideally like to add a ball tree cart to his budget to assist in planting larger ball & burlap trees. TB has one he is willing to loan HWY dept. as needed. He has straps/sling too for use with heavy machinery in lifting trees/placing in pits.
--JZ commended Mr. Downey and HWY crew for great job they did planting the other trees this fall given the short notice and increased number of trees
2. DEC Grant Report of chairperson on progress:
 - a) JZ discussed with HWY dept. about brick pavers and pit widening – bricks now on hold until spring.
 - b) Winter pruning and take downs – JZ proposed idea to TAB of creating 2 separate RFPs: 1 for takedowns outstanding and 1 for pruning work as professional qualifications/skills for each type is very different. JZ will circulate to TAB before moving forward. She also distributed new list of tree priorities to TAB having now removed all previous takedowns – the list has dwindled in size substantially since TAB first began their work. TAB members will review and give feedback.
 - c) Tree tagging will happen in spring. Need updated new online map with GPS coordinates. Also need to renumber the trees in more systematic way compared to how Cornell students originally numbered trees.
3. Miscellaneous updates
 - a) Charles Raeburn continuation of offer to care for adjacent trees near the lower Main St. underpass – he submitted a tree cutting application of the minor type that allowed TAB chairperson to approve with conditions. He will hire Garrison Tree for pruning and cover all costs. 4 trees will be pruned: hawthorn, apple, *Cornus kousa*, and an small structurally unhealthy peach tree will be removed to protect the health of the more-desirable (from a public tree perspective) dogwood adjacent to it.
 - b) Still outstanding: ordering of dedication plaques on earliest donated tree guards as brought up by village board.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Holiday lights on Main Street trees request received from Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce Eliza Starbuck – businesses want to put up solar powered lights and promise to take down again in February. TB brought up past problems with tree lights but is pro this happening provided guidelines will be followed. TB was also concerned about liability issue that might arise from hanging. TAB agreed as long as village

board approved and all lights are down/removed by Feb (with absolute latest March 1) there should not be issues.

- Public comment was indicated on this issue, chairperson opened the floor for comment. Taro and Mary letaka spoke to idea of using uplighting from base of trees rather than wrapping strings of light around trunk and lower limbs. TB and CD also brought up issue of snow covering “uplight boxes” in tree pits and access to electrical outlets. Taro mentioned camping supply stores often carry battery packs which will power 20-30 feet of lighting as another option. Public comment was closed.
6. GPS online map updates: TAB needs to update inventory given all the work that has been done; need to input new GPS coordinates/ to be done during tagging.
 7. Reminder of future meeting date changes. No meeting 12/25. Next meeting Jan 22nd.
 8. Public comment: JZ introduced Taro letaka as a village resident and certified arborist interested in joining TAB! Taro introduced self and mentioned he’d be interested in working on TAB’s recommended tree species list since he is currently working on the 575 list of invasive species and mentioned changes are coming to treescape given climate change. Board members expressed difficulty finding appropriate species for village tree pits given limited rooting space and winter salt etc. TAB has been following NYC street tree list and Cornell’s list. Board also shared with Taro the difficulty of determining property lines in regard to village trees since no village-wide survey exists and GPS coordinates are not very accurate esp. on current tree survey map. All were delighted to receive his application to donate his time to join the board.
 9. JZ made a motion pending receipt of Taro’s resume to recommend to the VBOT that he be appointed to fill the vacant spot on the Board. The motion was passed 4-0. She will circulate the resume to TAB members and VBOT via email once received.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT: none.

Meeting adjourned 8:19pm. Next TAB meeting will be Jan 22nd 2020, 7:30pm. No December meeting scheduled.