

2/28/2018
MEETING MINUTES
7:30pm Village Hall

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

Summary:

TAB convened at 7:35pm.

Minutes were approved for the meetings of 10/20/17 & 12/20/17

OLD BUSINESS

TAB budget request FY 2018/19: The application period for the State Grant is due to be announced in April. It was agreed that JZ should make the same application as 2017 with a few alterations to allow for tree-work done already and that which has now become urgent.

All present agreed that TAB will present an option to the VBOT to use up the remaining budget FY 2017/18 to complete the Main St. beautification project phase 1 (pavers).

Tree City Award: We are still awaiting notification for 2018.

Waterfront Park: Three tupelo trees from Peterson's Nursery, Patterson, NY, will be planted in March as replacements for the storm-damaged willows.

Village Tree Walking Tour: The tree labels have been ordered by KR from Precision Signs & Labels, Rochester, NY, and should be available for installation by Arbor Day.

2 Kemble Avenue sponsored sidewalk/tree project: The severely split redbud tree will be replaced by a honeylocust, as requested by the sponsor. The project is on hold waiting for HWY department scheduling this spring.

190 Main Street: The much-abused existing oak tree will be removed and replaced by a more suitable (smaller) tree, at the proposer's expense.

32 Market Street Tree Removal request: Tree Board members confirmed that some trees are a potential hazard, but need the assistance of the Village Building Inspector to ascertain whether they are on Village property. That will be done promptly to ensure immediate removal of the trees of concern.

Pruning work: Despite much work being done to clear backlog of outstanding tree-work, there remains more to do, including the removal of several dozen tree stumps. The loan arrangement with the county was not availed due to overloaded HWY department last fall. It was agreed that this necessary maintenance work will be added to the grant application.

Main Street Beautification: The fabrication and installation of the brass plaques is outstanding. New sponsors have come forward for at least two more tree pits and the donations received. JZ

to place the order. The final scheduling and funding for the pavers for this project is on the mayors desk—JZ will meet with him to update the status of the project.

Arbor Day Celebration: Members of TAB will consider a symbolic planting location and decide at next meeting. Tree walking tour and brochure to be part of this year's celebration.

NEW BUSINESS

New TAB member: All agreed we need one more person, ideally with specific talents/experience. No individuals were proposed but skill sets were discussed: TB suggested a member with administrative and grant-writing capabilities to take load off chairperson. JZ proposed new member should have experience working with contractors and that it would be ideal to have a member responsible for inspecting and handling tree complaints from the public. CD suggested new member should have ready availability, especially weekdays, for such tasks as visiting tree-cutting application sites promptly. TB offered to do some networking. It was agreed that discussion of this item will be continued at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30pm