

6/6/2018
MEETING MINUTES
7:30pm Village Hall

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

Summary:

TAB convened at 7:39pm.

4/05/18 meeting minutes approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1. DEC Urban and Community Forestry Grant Application: Reviewed application from last year. Discussed any changed needs and items to possibly add to this year's new grant application such as additional stump grinding, tree guards, airspading for root pruning, flexible sidewalk installs, stonework around tree pits (and removing random rocks), planting new trees etc. Also discussed that the village is applying for a separate DEC grant for green infrastructure projects to manage storm water and the TAB collaboration/advisement on that grant.
2. Housekeeping and Miscellaneous updates
 - a) 2 Kemble Ave. sponsored sidewalk/tree project: sidewalk removed by Hwy Dept. and Ian Kingsley planted the tree. Need pavers yet to go into pit.
 - b) City Tree guard sample inspection – JZ brought and passed around a sample of the plastic version; TAB members impressed with look and feel. Cost difference not as great as expected tho: only \$10/ft difference. Discussion around finding seed money to do a few sample pits with these guards. Can be custom made to reflect designs at no additional cost etc.
 - c) Main St. beautification project updates – Cathryn's Tuscan Grill did a lovely job planting in pit outside the restaurant.
 - d) Housekeeping issues with tree removal/pruning requests and methods of administering them. TAB discussed finding a new Tree Board "Admin" person to handle e.g. timely responses for tree hazard notifications. JZ also noted that a public hearing will need to be held for Kaufman Maple removal on Pine Street.

New Business

3. HWY Dept. Tree Pruning Training: J. Zwarich reported that Bugsy reached out to TAB and wants to train crew in pruning techniques. Tentative time set for Monday @ 8:45am with date TBD. TAB members thrilled that village HWY dept. is interested in learning more about village tree maintenance.
4. Correspondence re: letter received from new Chair of Philipstown Garden Club (PGC) who would like the group to be more involved with village treescape. TAB will reach out to start discussion.
5. Public comment: Fran Murphy stopped by to report a dead tree at the NE corner of McCobville park about 10' from the fire hydrant there. TAB will investigate and thanked Murphy for mentioning it.
6. TAB set next meeting date for July 25th.
7. TB reported that Garrison Tree had reached out to him about the Butterfield Copper Beach tree. TB explained that since it was on private property it was not the purview

of CSTAB to weigh in on the matter. TAB only deals with publicly owned village trees.

8. KR reported that CD had volunteered his time as a TAB member to demonstrate tree grafting techniques to Haldane 8th graders after biology teacher Katlyn Morely had reached out to KR. TAB will draw up and submit a press release to both papers. The students and teacher were thrilled with CD's presentation.
9. JZ reported that village residents would like to possibly donate a tree (Redbud) in honor of a resident's birthday. Also another donation of a tree for Garden St.
10. KR will reach out to someone she knows from Highlands Garden Club about their interest in sponsoring a tree pit perhaps one in front of C&E hardware.
11. TAB discussed issue with Sunoco Cherry tree – has been declining for several years now. Potential here for new planting and beautification in gas station areas. This is the area of the possible DEC Green Infrastructure grant project so any work to this area should take that possibility into account.
12. JZ purchased 2 Serviceberries (*Amelanchier canadensis*) to plant on lower Main st at a significant discount.

Meeting adjourned 9:08pm.