7/25/2018
MEETING MINUTES
7:30pm Village Hall

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

<u>Summary:</u>
TAB convened at 7:35pm.
6/06/18 meeting minutes approved.

Brief informal discussion of Chinese Elm in front of Hudson Hil's that died back over the winter – should cut back to green growth and try to save it.

OLD BUSINESS
1. DEC Urban and Community Forestry Grant Application: JZ presented a brief summary of submitted application. If approved grant would be close to 60k total (including matching funds from village, a portion of which includes salary amounts from village hwy crew for future work performed). Will find out in about 8 weeks if we receive the grant. The application included priority pruning work, tree pit improvements such as widening pits and installing tree guards and pavers on 28 Main Street trees, tree ID tags, etc. A thank you goes out to Lee's Tree Service and Philipstown Tree Service who kindly gave a rough estimate on pruning work necessary for grant application without it being clear if the grant would be successful and the work would go to bid.
-- JZ also reported on a separate DEC Green Infrastructure Grant for 50k which the village has applied for with the immense help of project partners in FigureGround Studio. This would not be an installation grant but a design grant to reconfigure NW corner of tee Main St/9D intersection in order to reduce pollution and stormwater runoff and protect the Hudson River Estuary. TAB's role would be as partner and advisor on trees (and related infrastructure) for this project.
2. Miscellaneous updates
   a) Meeting with Rec Commission chairperson on waterfront park pavers – JZ met with Bruce Campbell re: plans to re-lay pavers around remaining willow tree while minimizing damage to roots and ensuring health of tree. CD had also previously assisted on looking at the issues around the tree and advising.
   b) 2 Kemble Ave. paver update - project complete! Pavers installed around new tree donation and new tree seems to be doing well (some leaf yellowing reported but appears healthy).
   c) CD and JZ reported on HWY dept. tree pruning and planting 7/11/18 – successful workshop (a nest of birds was even saved during process!). CD reported the entire crew attended and asked great questions. He was able to bring a sample branch showing how a tree callouses around a wound if branch collar if left during pruning. A young Linden tree on lower Main St was pruned during the workshop.
   d) Tree cutting application updates. JZ contacted Laura Kaufmann on Pine Street for review of her application. The Blauhaus application remains open; TAB

visited the locust in question there and noted it needed to be added to the list of pruning but did not appear to be a priority prune.
   e) Garden Club updates: CD will reach out to PGC and Kory to Highlands. Thanks go out to village resident Sara Dulaney for donating 2 bags of mulch to TAB!

New Business

3. Maintenance requests
   a) Idea of separating maintenance requests from tree cutting applications – TAB discussed changing the application to include a box to check requesting maintenance vs. cutting. An explanation could be posted on the website.
   b) Market St. (Blauhaus) and 5 Cherry St. requests updates; village clerk notified TAB of callery pear tree branch high up in canopy requested for take down - trustees will determine if necessary.
4. Agenda items for next meeting 8/23 7:30pm
   a. Tree pit maintenance brainstorming: some discussion followed re: weeding/cleaning incentives such as tree pit awards/community service hours/organized volunteer group etc. Reach out to Probation Office for crews? TAB could also create suggested planting lists for pits and educate public on good vs. bad weeds, bad practice of "mounding" mulch around trunks, etc. The village has beautification funds as a budget line. Reach out to chamber about this?
   b. ideas for future projects?
   c. Search for additional TAB member

5. Correspondence: None
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7. Public comment: None

Meeting adjourned 8:31pm.