

Minutes of the Tree Advisory Board

Wednesday December 5, 2018

6:00 pm

City Hall

Prepared by Bill Mehls

(Please contact him with corrections and/or additions.)

Members: (x indicates attended)

Stephanie Crimm	x	Bill Mehls	x	Dave Poteet	x
Judi Cermak	-	Roger Morse	-	Berna Ticonchuk	x
John Goodwin	x	Laura Ouimette	x		

Also in attendance: Ellen Polimeni, Mayor
Candace Snyder, City resident

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150 Granger Street: Candice Snyder attended the meeting to request that the 50'-65' sugar maple tree in front of her house at 150 Granger Street by the sidewalk be removed since she feels it is damaging her house. (See letter dated October 2, 2018 to Dick Gates.) She brought photos of her house and the tree. The tree is located at the edge of the right-of-way and is considered by all parties to be a "street tree." A long discussion ensued with many questions.

After she left the TAB continued the discussion and reached the conclusion that, while her house has damage, removing the tree will not solve the problems, and, since the tree is healthy and growing at the normal rate, it should not be removed.

Dave volunteered to write a follow-up letter to Ms. Snyder with our decision, including the recommendation that she pursue a NYSERDA evaluation available for free from local HVAC companies.

News and Notes:

Tree Removal List 2019: This was submitted to the TAB by Stephanie.

Tree City USA: Stephanie has the application for this year and will submit it.

Tree Pruner proposal: This proposal was not adopted nor included in the upcoming City budget by the City Council.

Heritage Trees: John has posted the tree application on the City website.

Statistics: Laura's Stats- 2018 Falling Tree deaths= 138; Struck by Lightning= 0; Falling out of bed= 555; Pedestrian= 4640; Texting while driving= 5558; Lawnmowers= 63

**Our next meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday January 9th, 2019 at 6:30 pm at City Hall**