

## Minutes of the Tree Advisory Board

Wednesday December 4, 2019

6:30 pm

City Hall

Prepared by Bill Mehls

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

Members: (x indicates attended)

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

Also in attendance:

Ellen Polimeni, Mayor

Elizabeth Hane, city resident

**Comprehensive Plan Review:** We reviewed the edited eight page Urban Master Tree Plan. Though we feel there are changes that should be made we decided to have Dave submit the current version to the City Comprehensive Plan Review Committee by the 16th. We will take up the Plan again in the future.

**City Budget Process:** Bill and Laura attended the budget meeting with City Council Tuesday November 12 to present our request for additional funds in the 2020 budget for tree pruning and maintenance. They politely received our request and asked a few clarifying questions. However they did not approve our request. The request from John to add an additional Parks worker was included with the limitation that the worker could not be hired until May 1. This worker may result in additional tree maintenance but that is not assured.

**Charlotte Street Salting:** A lengthy discussion was held on this topic. John and Ellen assured us that the City plowing crews are following the salting guidelines which gives them discretion to salt as they see fit according to conditions.

**HOA Letter:** We reviewed and discussed the letter from John Maslanik regarding tree replacements in the Canandaigua Traditions HOA area. Laura will respond to him that there are not City regulations for trees on private property and the City does not have funds available to subsidize private tree purchases. She will send the current list of preferred trees to plant.

**Town Letter:** The Town of Canandaigua is preparing a grant application to support a Tree Inventory and Forest Management Plan in the Town. John prepared a letter of support from the TAB to be included in the grant application and sent it to Doug Finch, the Town Manager, on November 26th.

### News and Notes:

**Resignation:** TAB member Roger Morse has resigned. His work schedule has prevented him from participating this year. We thank him for his interest and service.

**DEC Posters:** 27 posters were submitted by students from the Elementary School. We chose six to send to the DEC for the contest. Laura will deliver those and investigate possibly displaying all of the posters somewhere during April.

**Tree Removal List:** Stephanie sent us the list for removals this winter which we quickly reviewed.

**Highland Terrace Tree Removal request:** The homeowners may attend the January meeting to discuss their tree removal request.

**Arbor Day Foundation:** Ellen recommended the bulletins and information available through membership in the Arbor Day Foundation.

**Cemetery Project:** Ellen will be forming a committee to oversee upkeep of the West Avenue Cemetery and is soliciting members from the TAB.

**Agenda Items:** Judi suggests that we should set some goals for 2020 including working on the Heritage Tree list. Ellen suggested working with FLTV to make some City tree videos.

**TAB Membership:** Ellen plans to continue attending TAB meetings. She will appoint Elizabeth Hane and Shawn Kenaley as TAB members at the next City Council meeting.

**Our next meeting is scheduled for  
Wednesday January 8, 2020 at 6:30 pm at City Hall**