

Minutes for Greenway Committee Meeting

August 26, 2020

Attendees: Lynn Leopold, Gerry Monaghan, Simon Moll, Larry Bieri, Ronny Hardaway, Monica Moll

- Village Tree Bank Ordinance Discussion

Simon Moll presented the Village Tree Bank Ordinance that he created at the request of the Board of Trustees.

- Simplified tree ordinance so as not to be burdensome to Village residences and developers
- Was run-by a local arborist for viability
- Attendees discussed local foresters who might volunteer as a tree-ordinance consultant for the Village
- Attendees reviewed comments already within the new ordinance
- Minimum density of 100 trunk diameter inches per acre
- Bieri asked if we want to get into these sort of tree-ordinance details? GW Committee would NOT become enforcers. This ordinance begins the tree-protection process within the Village.
- Underbrush would not be protected – only trees – underbrush could be brush-hogged.
- Only trees 6” or greater would be protected.
- Leopold stated that Village residents would benefit from a newsletter article about tree protection and tree value.
- Bieri stated that it would be good for the GW committee to educate residents.
- Simon Moll and Hardaway to create a Village newsletter article. All GW members to be copied on the article.
- Monaghan recommended contacting CCE about possible arborist consultants.
- Planning board and enforcement would review and approve the tree planting plan.
- Removing trees is an externalized cost because it impacts the Village’s environment.
- Bieri asked about heritage trees – does the Planning Board inventory and protect heritage trees.
- Monaghan asked for clarification of removing trees in residential lots. As long as 100 inches/acre number was met, there would be no penalty.
- Hardaway brought up the CSC action item to create a tree inventory for the Village. This could be used to assist with enforcement within this new ordinance.

- Leopold asked if we could add details about thinning trees to improve the health of other trees.
- Greenway Plan Review
- Hardaway requested that the GW Committee members review the current GW Plan before the next meeting and bring suggestions about updating the plan.
- Village Greenways Status Update

Hardaway presented a status update on the Village's greenways and parks, including:

 - Park signs are in the process of being installed.
 - Park benches are in the process of being installed – poured concrete pad for each bench.
 - Marian Hartill Park – 5 benches
 - Dankert Park – 2 benches
 - Global Village Park – 2 benches
 - Shannon Park – 1 bench
 - Blackchin Overlook – 1 bench (not sure if this bench is installed)
 - Dart Drive Road and Sidewalk Project
 - Due to COVID-19 impacts to Village budget the sidewalk and street parts of the project have been put on the back burner.
 - Trustees plan to discuss a resolution (to be written by Bill Troy) at their Sep. 21 meeting to request that NYSEG install streetlights on their utility poles along Dart Drive.
 - Leopold asked if they would be dark-sky compliant. YES
 - LED lights? YES
 - M. Hartill Park Work
 - Sports field with eastern in work
 - Benches are installed
 - Park sign is installed
 - Trails are completed
 - Plantings (to be done)
 - Shrubs
 - Trees
 - Monica Moll stated that Soccer Shop liked the park's field and it has been added to their rotation.
 - Hardaway also stated that Frank Towner at the YMCA was interested in using the field, too.
 - Monica Moll asked if there were future plans to install a restroom. Hardaway stated that plans were made, but there are a lot of safety and maintenance considerations before a restroom is installed.
 - Monica Moll passed along a request from some parents for a “splash pad” in the park.

- Global Village Park
 - Sign installed
 - Bench installed
 - Bieri stated that the park sign is in a “hole” and is hard to see. Could it be moved later?
- Shannon Park
 - Park sign installed
 - Bench installed
 - Bieri reported that excess cement was dumped over into the brush. Could it be removed?
 - Hardaway suggested that Cayuga Landscaping could be contracted to plant the western greenery space that has been cleaned out by the DPW crew.
 - Attendees discussed Carolyn Greenwald’s poll results and email regarding improvements to Shannon Park.
 - Bieri suggested a net underneath the forsythia to catch loose balls running down the slope.
- Ned Hickey park – Hardaway suggested polling residents about their preferences for the park regarding a pavilion, benches, landscaping, etc.
- Blackchin Overlook
 - Park sign to be installed
 - Purchase of additional park space status unknown
- Discuss Village Landscaping Inventory
 - Leopold led a discussion on a Village landscaping inventory.
 - Hardaway suggested a new appendix in the GW Plan for a landscaping inventory listing the sites to be maintained.
 - Leopold suggested a letter of thanks to the Orcutts for maintaining the Village flower boxes. Monaghan putting a card in the Village office for us to drop by and sign.
 - Leopold will start the landscaping inventory.
- Future meeting date/time
 - For 2020 meetings, attendees agreed to meet on the **fourth** Wednesday of the month from 4:30 to 6:00 PM.
 - Next GW Committee Meeting: Wednesday, Sep. 23 at 4:30 PM.