

TREE ADVISORY BOARD
VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING

MEMBERS: TONY BARDES; CHARLES DAY; KORY RIESTERER; GORDON ROBERTSON; JENNIFER ZWARICH

06/24/2015
MEETING MINUTES

8:00 Village Hall

Present: Tony Bardes, Kory Riesterer, Gordon Robertson, Jennifer Zwarich.

Absent: Charles Day

Summary:

Meeting opened at 8:05pm.

Motion made to approve 5/27 meeting minutes. Motion carried by vote of 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Brief update on **newly planted Main St. tree** in front of C&E and its signs of stress. J. Zwarich noted that tree is finally beginning to leaf out. T. Bardes reported he recently took a soil sample to have tested. He'd also dug down next to tree and noticed how wet the soil was below roots. Discussion ensued about whether the James Pond underground 'creek' might play a role in this or if there is a water leak somewhere. T. Bardes mentioned that Greg Philips had checked out the site before the tree was planted and did not see any signs of a water line break etc. It was agreed not to water the tree any more and wait for further recovery.

Discussion turned to **Main St. tree holiday light removal**. J. Zwarich said she would draft a letter to the Village Board asking them to approach the Chamber about having the lights removed.

J. Zwarich announced that the **Parrott/Bank Street tree** was successfully pruned by Garrison Tree Co. TAB briefly discussed again creating an approved list of local arborists and tree service providers to turn to for future work and share with residents seeking recommendations. TAB decided to table further discussion about compiling the list until next meeting.

J. Zwarich reported she is currently meeting with village officials regarding the **Main St. Sidewalk project** and has been walking around looking at potential sites for new tree pits and areas where existing pits could be widened as work is done with an eye to saving money and efficiency for future TAB projects etc. She reported a conversation with Parking Committee Chair Tony Philips regarding the Main St. parking changes. She will report in full to TAB as needed.

Discussion briefly touched on **tree pit guards**. J. Zwarich has also been researching tree guard options/costs and will report in full at the next meeting. TAB agreed that a more cost-saving approach was feasible but would require some creativity etc.

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Remainder of meeting was spent discussing the **Tree Inventory Survey** originally done by Cornell. This component is a continuation of work being done on the Tree Management Plan. J. Zwarich passed out assigned areas of the Village to TAB members and gave a brief overview of how information should be collected and returned. TAB will have two months to update the existing survey, with special attention being paid to identifying current safety hazards, given that the inventory is already 5 years old. G. Robertson raised issue of liability and mentioned TAB should be careful of the language it uses in reporting hazards to the Village Board. J. Zwarich noted that tree DBH and signs of girdling roots would need updating, as well as noting any potential good sites for new tree pits. It was agreed individual members should take photos of any trees where issues were in question to share at future meetings.

There were no comments received from the public.

Motion to adjourn meeting passed at 8:40 pm. Following the motion, TAB members convened outside for a brief tutorial on updating the inventory using one tree specimen on Main St.