

BBSTC Minutes 7/21/2021

Call to Order 7:05

Roll Call – George, Ravi, Larry (Joined @ 7:15), Councilman Gubitosi, Nick

Ratification of Minutes of 7-7-21 - Ravi Motion made a to accept, Seconded by Larry, so carried.

Alice and John Sammon joined the call to discuss an issue with their sidewalk

A summary of their discussion is: They received a violation notice that their sidewalk needed to be repaired. The sidewalk was repaired and then the planting strip tree adjacent to the repair fell down into the street during a storm. DPW removed the tree, told the Sammons that they were responsible for the stump removal and sidewalk repair.

The Sammon's feel that they should not be responsible for the repairs on their sidewalk since they damage is a result of the trees that were planted by the borough many years ago.

George asked them if the mason who repaired the sidewalk and removed roots of the tree informed them that the tree might not be stable after his work.

After 35 minutes of discussion it was decided that Al would take the issue to Larry Fox and DPW to find a resolution as to the borough's responsibility, if any, in matters such as these. Currently, the resident is responsible for all issues pertaining to their sidewalks and planting strips.

It was announced that Shana Greenblatt had resigned from the commission.

Nick Kosarych will become the first alternate member at the next council meeting.

Applications – No new or existing applications to discuss.

507 McCabe- Councilman Weber reached out to the homeowner. He states that he only removed part of the trunk of a stump on his front lawn, not a whole tree. Councilman Weber informed him that he must remove the 7-foot stump that is in the landing strip.

Ravi finished the fillable form but the form must be modified. George to send updated form.

Follow up Spreadsheet- Larry – will finalize spreadsheet and process and present at next STC meeting

John Weber is handling the proposed ordinance changes with Mr. Cannon and presenting to town council for approval. George spoke to the mayor about the need for the changes.

Phase III-Community Outreach Initiatives

- Honor Me - 6 applications thus far.
 - Currently on hold.
 - Create check list for complete program – Larry preparing process writeup for program. Will present at next meeting.
 - George is meeting with the CFO to discuss proper financial protocol for setting this up.

- George asked if the commission should still go forward with this program without a Vice-Chair. Ravi and Larry believe that we can get enough volunteers to plant.
- Wishing Tree- 4 applications thus far - Larry preparing process writeup for program. Will present at next meeting.
- Money Tree - George is meeting with the CFO to discuss proper financial protocol for setting this up.
- Tree of the Month
 - Kim will share a google doc of possible residents and locations.
 - Ravi and Kim will develop a flyer that can be posted on social media.
 - George suggested starting soon and simply. Perhaps using Councilman Weber's backyard trees. He also mentioned that Kim knew of an eager resident.

CSIP Grant was submitted for approval. Shana worked very hard for weeks to finalize. Mr. Brash and Liz Hernandez were great adjuncts.

Borough Meetings

- Business Administrator/ CFO – Meeting set for 8/4 10:00 with George/AI.

George mentioned that Councilman Weber asked about having Mr. Brash meet with the Code officials to discuss Sidewalk restoration and Planting tree Complications. All thought it was a good idea.

Close – Ravi proposed at 8:21. Larry B seconded, it was so carried.