

TOWN OF BRIGHTON CONSERVATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
February 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Attending were:

Karen Berger, V-Chair
Susan Riblett
George Smith
Mitchell Nellis
Rick DiStefano, Secretary

Dennis Adams was excused.

1. Public Forum

None

2. Meeting Minutes

Review of the January 8, 2019 meeting minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Communications Received

Letter from Michael Guyon, Commissioner of Public Works, dated January 30, 2019, regarding Town tree removals.

4. Presentations

Olivia Rosen and Zofia Stefanokovic, Brighton High School Lorax Club, presented the opportunity for a potential partnership between the Lorax Club and the Conservation Board to help increase tree cover throughout Brighton. They explained their work along Buckland Creek on the grounds of the High School and Middle School and the possibility of planting trees along the west branch of Allens Creek in Buckland Park.

5. Project Reviews

2P-01-19 1550 Elmwood Avenue

– No comment.

2P-02-19 2545 Monroe Avenue

Presented by Lucas Bushing, Marathon Engineering

– No comment.

2P-03-19 5901 Lac De Ville Blvd.

– The two replacement trees should be large shade bearing native trees rather than smaller ornamental trees as proposed.

6. EMC Report

No report.

7. Staff Report

No report.

8. Green Report

No report.

9. New Business

Mitch volunteered to represent the Town and serve on the Monroe County Environmental Management Council, the Board unanimously supported Mitch. Rick will send a letter to the Town Board requesting the Board's endorsement and nomination of Mitch to the County Legislature to fill the appointment.

10. Old Business

None

11. Tree Council

Mitch gave a quick update on the progress of the town tree list, he will make some revisions and redistribute to the council.

The Council received tree evaluation reports for:

882 S. Grovesnor Road (on Landon Pkwy)	34" Norway maple
99 Dale Road	36" Silver maple
33 Drury Lane	52" Ash
199 Thackery Road	36" Sugar maple
149 Edgemoor Road	24" Norway maple (1)
149 Edgemoor Road	24" Norway maple (9)
149 Edgemoor Road	24" Norway maple (10)
149 Edgemoor Road	24" Norway maple (11)
45 Knolltop Drive	44' Silver Maple (#1)
45 Knolltop Drive	44' Silver Maple (#2)
45 Knolltop Drive	44' Silver Maple (#3)
47 Laconia Park	36" Norway maple

In regards to proposed tree removals at:

882 S. Grovesnor Road (on Landon Pkwy)	34" Norway maple
99 Dale Road	36" Silver maple
33 Drury Lane	52" Ash
199 Thackery Road	36" Sugar maple

The Council is in agreement with the evaluations and supports the removal of the

identified trees. As recommended, the Council encourages properly sized replacement trees be planted as soon as possible.

In regards to proposed tree removals at:

149 Edgemoor Road	24" Norway maple (1)
149 Edgemoor Road	24" Norway maple (9)
149 Edgemoor Road	24" Norway maple (10)
149 Edgemoor Road	24" Norway maple (11)

The Council is in agreement with the evaluations and supports the removal of the identified trees, they recommend however, that only tree #1 be considered for replacement.

In regards to proposed tree removals at:

45 Knolltop Drive	44' Silver Maple (#1)
45 Knolltop Drive	44' Silver Maple (#2)
45 Knolltop Drive	44' Silver Maple (#3)

The Council is in agreement with the evaluation and supports the removal of the identified trees. As recommended, the Council agrees that only replacement of tree #2 is warranted.

Lastly, the Council reviewed the arborist's report regarding a 36" Norway maple located at 47 Laconia Parkway. Neighbors Michael and Kelly Scott, 54 Laconia Parkway, spoke to the Council requesting them to make a recommendation to save the tree by means suggested in the arborist's report. The Council decided that prior to making a recommendation on this tree, they would like an estimated cost for the work that needs to be done to lower the tree's risk hazard to an acceptable level and clarification of the abutting property owner's desire to retain the tree.

Next Meeting Date

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35 PM. The next regular meeting will be 7:00 PM, **March 12, 2019.**

Respectfully submitted: Rick DiStefano 2/26/2019