

TOWN OF BRIGHTON CONSERVATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
October 15, 2019

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

Dennis Adams, Chairperson
Karen Berger, V-Chairperson
Susan Riblett
Mitchell Nellis
George Smith
David Briden
Rick DiStefano, Secretary

Mitchell Ball was absent.

1. Public Forum

None

2. Meeting Minutes

Review of the October 15, 2019 meeting minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Communications Received

Letter from Michael Guyon, Commissioner of Public Works, dated September 24, 2019, regarding Town tree removals.

4. Presentations

Mike Guyon, Commissioner of Public Works regarding the Highland Crossing Trail and the need to remove dead/dying trees along the trail. Mike explained to the Board/Council that a number of dead Ash trees which line the Highland Crossing Trail need to be removed for the safety of trail users and to prevent obstruction of the trail. Clearing will be limited to dead ash trees which will be removed in a fashion which provides essential food and habitat to wildlife. The Board/Council supported the plan.

Mike Guyon, Commissioner of Public Works regarding removal of dead trees in/along the Niagara Mohawk Power right-of-way. Mike explained to the Board that a number of dead Ash trees on both private and public lands need to be removed along the Niagara Mohawk Power lines on the west side of town. The work will be performed by a private contractor hired by National Grid. The contractor will remove dead ash trees on Town of Brighton owned land. Removal will be limited to dead Ash trees only, which will be cut flush to the ground, the remains will be left to provide essential food and habitat to wildlife. The Board/Council supported the plan.

5. Project Reviews

10P-01-19 3300 Brighton Henrietta Town Line Road

- All previous comments appear to have been adequately addressed.

10P-NB1-19 1075 Clover Street

- Representation by the applicant would have been beneficial for the Board in order to have a better understanding of the overall project and to answer questions.
- What is the net gain of parking spaces and how does that relate to the proposed use(s) of the property?
- Show trees to be removed.
- Substantial buffers and/or screening shall be provided along lot lines abutting single family homes.
- Stormwater mitigation for the entire parking filed should be provided.
- Additional comments will be provided as plams progress.

6. EMC Report

Roundtable discussion regarding the importance of street trees throughout the community.

7. Staff Report

No report.

8. Green Report

No report.

9. New Business

None

10. Old Business

None

11. Tree Council

The Council received tree evaluation reports for:

207 Orchard Drive	36" Maple
75 Tarrytown Road	34" Maple
200 Pelham Road	34" Sugar maple
104 Shoreham Drive	24.5" Silver maple
104 Shoreham Drive	46" Silver maple
20 Modelane	32" Silver maple

32 Modelane	43" Silver maple
Vacant lot north of 140 Park Circle	27" Ash
14 Drury Lane	14" Pine

In regards to proposed tree removals at:

207 Orchard Drive	36" Maple
75 Tarrytown Road	34" Maple
200 Pelham Road	34" Sugar maple
20 Modelane	32" Silver maple
32 Modelane	43" Silver 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:

104 Shoreham Drive	24.5" Silver maple (Dennis and George)
104 Shoreham Drive	46" Silver maple

The Council is in agreement with the evaluation and supports the removal of the identified trees. As recommended, the Council encourages properly sized replacement trees be planted at nearby alternative locations as soon as possible.

In regards to proposed tree removal at:

Vacant lot north of 140 Park Circle	27" Ash
14 Drury Lane	14" Pine

The Council is in agreement with the evaluations and supports the removal of the identified trees and that replacement trees for these locations are not necessary.

Next Meeting Date

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

Respectfully submitted: Rick DiStefano 10/31/2019.