

TOWN OF BRIGHTON CONSERVATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
October 12, 2021

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

Dennis Adams, Chairperson
Karen Berger, V-Chairperson
Susan Riblett
George Smith
Paul Johnson
Christine Corrado, Councilperson
Rick DiStefano, Secretary

David Briden and Mitchell Nellis were excused.

1. Public Forum

None

2. Meeting Minutes

Review of the September 7, 2021 meeting minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Communications Received

Letter from Michael Guyon, Commissioner of Public Works, dated September 28, 2021, regarding potential Town tree removals.

4. Presentations

None

5. Project Reviews

10P-01-21 777 Canal View Blvd

- Tree removal/replacement should be one for one.

10P-02-21 777 Canal View Blvd

- No comment.

10P-03-21 1905-1925 S Clinton Avenue

Presented by Paul Colucci. DiMarco Group

- Continue the use of green infrastructure techniques.
- Landscaping along South Clinton Avenue shall be maintained to provide adequate screening of drive-thru lanes.

10P-NB1-21 1950-1966 Monroe Avenue

- Due to a lack of representation many questions were left unanswered and the Board was unable to provide a thorough review. The Board would appreciate representation at a future meeting to discuss the redevelopment of this highly visible corner.
- Was a landscape architect consulted on the preparation of the landscaping plan? What considerations were given to the landscaping treatment at the corner of Monroe and Elmwood? Have you consulted with NYS DOT regarding plantings in the R.O.W.?
- What is the condition of the existing maple tree on the 1966 Monroe Ave. portion of the lot? Additional landscape plantings are needed along the south side of the proposed convenience store.
- Additional Monroe Avenue landscaping, running south from the corner, should be considered.
- Addition of Elmwood Avenue street trees should be considered.
- Snow storage areas should not be located on the only landscaped portions of the project and more specifically should not be located along the roadways.
- Use of green infrastructure techniques similar the that used for the GIGP should be incorporated. Perhaps, mirror what has been installed on the Middle School property.
- Native plantings should be used. The Cleveland Select Pear trees should be substituted with a native species.
- Temporary soil piles should not be located along the roadways.

10P-NB2-21 830 Highland Avenue

Presented by Evan Gefell, Costich Engineering.

- No comment.

8P-NB1-21 250 E River Road - U of R Laser Lab (revised concept)

Presented by David Cox, Passero Associates

- Elimination of the 102 space parking lot and expansion of existing parking areas is well received.
- The Board feels greater buffering around the vernal pond (greater upland area) is needed. Is the pond and surrounding upland area being properly protected in accordance with the IPD's FEIS and Incentive Zoning approval.
- A tree/woodlot mitigation plan needs to be submitted. This plan should identify and consider conflicts with the Master Plan so that mitigation from this project will not be impacted by future development.
- Woodlot mitigation should include reducing impacts from heat islands, alternative mowing practices which can provide a more diverse habitat offering ecological

benefits, and a diverse tree planting plan using native plant material.

- What are the impacts on existing stormwater management facilities, what improvements will need to be incorporated? Stormwater management shall avoid the vernal pond.
- Green infrastructure techniques should be incorporated.
- The Board will have additional comments as plans progress.

6. EMC Report

Round table discussion amongst members regarding what is happening in each members' town.

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 report(s) for:

44 St. Regis North	40" Silver maple
87 St. Regis North (1)	40" Silver maple
87 St. Regis North (2)	40" Silver maple
87 St. Regis North (3)	40" Silver maple
87 St. Regis North (4)	40" Silver maple
144 St. Regis North	50" Silver maple
197 Mayflower Dr. (St. Regis N frontage) (Not 188 Mayflower Dr.)	50" Silver maple

The Tree Council reviewed the evaluation forms and visited the sites. The Council is in agreement with the evaluations and supports the removal of the identified trees, and as recommended agrees a replacement tree should be planted at the removal sights.

Next Meeting Date

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 PM. The next regular meeting will be 7:00 PM, **NOVEMBER 9, 2021.**

Respectfully submitted: Rick DiStefano 10/26/2021.