

**VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018 AT 5:30 PM
LINCOLN HALL**

AGENDA

1. Welcome;
2. Minutes Review;
3. EAB Management Plan;
4. Branch Out Burlington Nursery;
5. Schedule Presentation for Trustee Meeting;
6. Budget Review;
7. Public Input.

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MINUTES OF MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2018**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nick Meyer, Mary Jo Engel, Rich Boyers, Warren Spinner, and Tim Kemerer

ADMIN PRESENT: Darby Mayville

OTHERS PRESENT: Lori & Glenn McPeters

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 PM by Nick.

2. MINUTES REVIEW

MOTION BY MARY JO, SECOND BY WARREN TO ACCEPT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES, WITH CHANGES. ALL IN FAVOR.

3. AGENDA ADDITIONS

Nick asked to discuss the Branch Out Burlington tree planting project. All were in favor.

4. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

Glenn and Lori McPeters attended to express concern with the tree removal in Stevens Park, across the street from their home. Glenn contacted Brad Luck (EJRP Director) this spring to express concern for the unsafe condition of the trees in Stevens Park, and some of the trees were removed. However, the tree remnants were not removed after being cut down, which is an eyesore and detracts from the value of their home. Glenn requested that the committee look into this issue.

Warren said EJRP is the steward of the park. As the Tree Warden, he would be responsible for matters of safety; however a non-safety matter would not fall under the purview of him nor the committee. Warren recommended that Glenn contact EJRP again to express his concerns. He also suggested contacting the Fire Chief if the wood appears to be a fire safety issue.

Warren believes that Stevens Park is intended to be a natural park, with limited maintenance. Tim noted that there should be a management plan for every park in the Village. Nick noted that Stevens Park is one of the few forested areas in Essex Junction.

4. EAB MANAGEMENT PLAN

The committee reviewed and made several edits to this document. Warren noted that if ash trees were planted as a part of planning and zoning approval for new construction, new trees would need to be

replanted once the ash trees are removed. The committee agreed that all the trees on one street should not be removed at the same time, but that it should be a gradual effort, so it does not look like clear-cutting.

The TAC intends to show this plan to the Village Trustees at their November 27 meeting. The plan will be further developed at the November TAC meeting.

5. BUDGET REVIEW

The Village finance office will be breaking out tree funds from the other public works budget items in the future.

6. AGENDA ADDITIONS

Nick and Warren have been in contact with Branch Out Burlington regarding the TAC potentially sharing nursery space. If successful, this would significantly reduce the cost of planting trees in the Village. They plan to gather more information to present to the Trustees at a future meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.

The next meeting will be on November 13, at the Town Offices.

Respectfully Submitted: Darby Mayville