

TNT Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 13, 2016 Facilitator Tina Giblin

Welcome and Introductions: Residents, City Councilor, and City Departments

Approval of corrected December minutes: Motion by Jeff Wright, second by Bob Daugherty, carried.

- SPD Capt. DeFavaro distributed and reported on the map showing activity in the Valley during the past month. Shots fired 3300 block of Midland, gang related –injured victim was uncooperative 12/26/15. Ballantyne –shots fired report (CHAIRS only) no evidence recovered 12/21/15. Attempted robbery –Little Caesar’s (showed knife) 1/6/16. Two assaults, several burglaries, vandalism at NAPA building.
- Committee Reports – Parks and Beautification Committees merged under George’s leadership. Path between barn at Meachem and the library improved. No zip line yet. Bench sites proposed at St. James vicinity and up on Brighton Avenue. Motion requesting two benches plus additional trash cans for existing benches, cost to be kept within our budget. Motion by Tina Giblin, second by Carl Sharak, motion carried. Cans ae needed at Salina and Florence and at Valley & Cortland.
- Public Safety & Planning – Issue brought up by Chuck Taylor, drug activity at Meachem playground parking area. Make calls to 911 to report activity. Snow removal issues: Sue Boyle called DPW for Cecile Center, and Chuck Taylor will monitor the Mobil gas station status.
- Deer Initiative report by Ryan McMahon: Five reported Lyme disease cases diagnosed in Winkworth area alone. Eastside and DeWitt are experiencing similar issues. Onondaga County is looking at their role in solutions. Lyme disease has crippling effects. Health Department has started a vigorous outreach to educate doctors. New York State program allows communities to bait and cull from the deer populations. Fayetteville has hired sharpshooters with silencers to reduce deer counts. They’re at 9-12 times more than where the counts should be, per DEC and Cornell data. ESF, USDA, and Cornell are working on documentation and strategy (aerial). DEC would extend the hunting season, issue permits/tags. There would be no charge for the permit extension. It’s more than a landscaping problem, more than auto accidents; it’s a community health issue now. County has hired Cornell Cooperative Extension to work with municipalities and residents. Fayetteville may come to the county for funding of their plan. Eight communities in New York have plans in place now; it’s a long process, five to ten years to get partners’ support, preparation of the plans and getting funding. In one area, 90 deer were culled one year and the next 110 were counted. Issues are that white-tail deer are moving, weather changes, and perhaps fewer hunters.
- Dunkin’ Donuts proposal. Kathy Stribley, Carl Sharak, Jeff Wright and Sue Boyle attended the public hearing. Two pedestrian crossings needed. Joe Hucko spoke with Sue and said safe passage way would not be offset. Planning commission approved if DPW agrees. Engineers are drawing up a couple options, and developer will move forward after agreement by DPW. Pedestrian cross-walks will happen. Kathy Stribley has sent a letter to DPW.
- Public Arts committee: Kathy Stribley made a motion requesting up to \$1,000 for cost of sign at the public art piece in Meachem Park. Seconded by Tina Giblin, motion carried.
- Ryan McMahon updated the Inland Port proposal status pertaining to the quarry site. \$500M in funding has been approved, many of our political leaders support it (Magnarelli, Hunter, Valesky, DeFrancisco, Mahoney, and Ryan), but the majority of neighbors are opposed. Oswego Port Authority is looking at other sites now that would be better received.

Announcements:

Webster Pond Neighborhood Watch meeting January 14th at St. Paul’s United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m.
Betts Branch Library – Annual Cabin Fever quilt show coming in February. Free tax assistance will be starting at the library February 16, 2016, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Program on Lyme disease Saturday, Feb. 20 at 1:00 pm.
Later this year, Betts building is being updated to better serve its patrons; increased electric service is needed for the computer areas.

Motion to adjourn by Caroline West, seconded by Jeff Wright, motion carried.

Next Valley TNT meeting is scheduled to be held on February 10 at the Cecile Center at 7:00 p.m.