

## October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Meeting Minutes

**Facilitator** Lisa Matthews and Jessica Kempisty

**Attendees:** Jerry Haas, David Baker, Jimmy Monto, Chris Ivens, Ken Garno, Andrew Snider, Captain Fougner, Julie Laflave, Councilor Driscoll, Peggy Chase, Beverly LaBier, Stephen Skinner, Shavel Edwards, Peggy Chase, Mike Behnke, Katie Hayduke, Meghan Vitale, Esther Wise, Pauline Tucci, Mike Parzych, Mary Jane Wright, Annette Brasdr, Minch Lewis, Laura Myhr, Mark Ryan, Tom Waite, Danielle Hobb, Nader Maroun, Janice Ray, James Arena, Sarah Mallhevs, Mary K. Begell, Kathy Krody, Jim Ray

**The Ground Rules were reviewed.**

**September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 Minutes:** Jerry Haas motioned to approve the minutes without reading them, Mike Tollner 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor.

**Facilitator Elections:** Lisa explained the election process; ballots were distributed to the voting members in attendance. 22 ballots were collected; David Baker, David Haas and Missy Zawacki were all elected by majority vote. Lisa Matthews nominated Andrew Snider, Jessica Kempisty. Missy Zawacki nominated Lisa Matthews.

**Issues for Elected Officials/City Departments:** Captain Fougner presented a crime analysis for the Eastwood neighborhood; questions were taken from the floor. Jimmy Oliver, Deputy Commissioner of Parks, stated that the Parks Department held community stakeholder meetings and BBQ's to collect information on community interests and ideas for the Westmoreland Community Center. It was suggested that if Eastwood is interested in developing a community center that the community members follow a similar methodology.

**Census 2020 Education & Awareness:** Chris Ivens, Partnership Specialist NY Regional Office. Mr. Ivens provided an overview of the Census mission: Count everyone once, only once and in the right place so that the correct information is delivered to the Office of the President. All Census information gathered is confidential and will only be used to produce statistics for funding distributed from the federal government (\$675 Billion) based on populations. [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov) In March of 2020, individuals will be sent a card in the mail with an invitation code to fill out the Census questionnaire online; if people do not respond via internet, they will receive a paper version with the option to call in by phone. Questions were taken from the floor. Ken Garno stated that TNT has been assigned the neighborhoods as part of the City's Complete Count initiative.

**Committee Updates:** An update was provided by DPW and SPD regarding a stop sign at the intersection of Stafford and Northcliff; traffic studies have shown that there is not enough issues to warrant a 4-way stop sign. Nader Maroun suggested that a year-long study be done rather than a short term survey. It was further stated traffic calming methods be explored such as speed bumps/strips. Jessica Kempisty has adopted a lot next to the Brooklyn pickle. The historic signs from Special Project funds last year will be installed in front of the original high school and the original library.

**TNT City-wide Update:** Tina Zagyva stated that the CNY Community Foundation has granted TNT with an additional lead awareness and education grant in the amount of \$22,500 for next year. TNT will be hosting a city-wide leadership meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Announcements:**

- The November meeting will be a potluck; TNT will provide pizza.
- Halloween night, American Legion will be doing candy checking.
- Greenway park tree has been replaced and is thriving, electrical damage will be fixed soon. An anonymous person repaired the damaged monument and Lutz signs washed it.

Jerry Haas motioned to adjourn at 8:25pm, David Haas 2<sup>nd</sup>.