

Meeting Minutes: August 14, 2019

Location: Cecile Center, 174 W. Seneca Turnpike

Facilitator: Carl Sharak

Meeting began at 7:05 pm and welcome and introductions commenced.

1. **Welcome:** Introductions.
2. **Minutes:** June 12, 2019, draft meeting minutes were reviewed: The minutes were approved by voice vote with no objections.
3. **Public Officials:** Miles Bottrill county legislator, budget process begins in October. Collaboration with the mayor. Streamlining. Question on tax delinquent – Geddes property county seized property to be turned over to economic development and get it on tax rolls. Shoppingtown filed bankruptcy. Great Northern county isn't looking at that yet. Kathy Stribley will be talking about flooding of creek tributaries. Sue Boyle's efforts had gotten bogged down. Severe situation now. Joe Romano city just did an engineering study. KS back to square one. Miles Bottrill can have county look at it. Joe Romano Loretto engineer will require a survey. Byne place was flooded last month in the rains, too. Protected stream, goes through 20 properties behind Rite Aid, Valley Plaza, This is not for each home to deal with. Sediment creating new waterways. County has easements so they can get through to get it taken care of. Homeowners cant dig without permissions. KS TG said the only place there aren't easements is the city, no environmental staff to deal with it. In the 70s three areas set up for protection Meadowbrook, Harbor Brook, and Bloody Brook. WEP This area was not discussed in the 70s, it falls to the local municipality. Miles Bottrill more development above. KS maybe all the way from Clark Reservation. Brynn Lovejoy Grinnell city engineering department created a field report in the last few weeks. KS Loretto owns the stream. 411 E. Glen. Miles will follow up. BLG Hot issue brought copies of the engineering department report and copy of the letter. Nothing on the city agenda regarding development at Loretto but need to know about what's going on there when permitting process goes on. The struggle between Loretto and homeowners. KS Slides of area. Springs come out of the hillside and create a huge stream. Pius X application shows stream going into her process. KS stream lays down calcium in her backyard. KS wouldn't even make a temporary intervention. Loretto trying to bore for a waterline. Got approval with the stipulation that they wouldn't mess up the Glen Avenue hillside. Want to put in a water system. They want to put a pump house at the bottom of the hill. More boring locations at the top of the hill. They don't have enough water pressure in the Cunningham. Water comes across the bridge. John they purport that they don't have water pressure. Now after they got approval they bring up this issue. I-81 Interchange east of Loretto Top of Glen Avenue to be a four lane road to access the business loop. North bound interchange will be taken out. Loretto wants to close it off so it's a complicated issue. Option suggested public access through Loretto property. No traffic counts because it's private property. It's going to change access for us in the Valley. There have been meetings and you can go to the Carnegie building to talk about it with DOT. It makes sense to get county involved. Happy to take concerns with it.
4. **Planning Lee's Feed is up for becoming a warehouse** – buyer wants to store electronics. An Intrepid Lane business wants to use it. CS Thurber and Brighton Foreign Auto to be made a restaurant and convenience store. It's not in our area. Maybe we should have a separate meeting on this issue. CS See what Miles and Brynn come up with it.
5. **Syracuse Police** .
6. **Committee Reports**
Beautification, Joe Romano and crew have painted end caps along Cold Brook down to Harding Place. It looks better than it was. Volunteers include students from ELMS painting end caps along Cold Brook progressing with the TNT Special Project.
7. **Planning:** Discussion of the I-81 plans for altering the access near Loretto, Kathy Stribley advised watching that and getting more information about it.
8. **Parks, and Planning committees had no updates from last month.** George Matthews.
9. **NBD Housing priorities survey set for 5 years of CDBG,** Brynn said it's governed by what the city says. It's a two minute survey. What should we pay attention to as priorities.
10. **TNT Citywide Board update** – Dee Klees noted that the board elections would be coming up for other sectors but Valley Sector is on rotation for next year. On other matters: Community Center Collaborative has been established but Cecile is not mentioned. Brynn will look into it.

11. **Building Equity and Jobs Task Force:** not in attendance
12. **Planning:** On I-81 encourage people to go to the meetings about what is done at Loretto. Try to envision what they are planning. Flooding and boring issue the city doesn't have staff to deal with these issue. A lot of people don't understand environmental systems. It's an uncomfortable situation. New administration hasn't addressed that. Lisa ESF, they're not in control, to help with some of the solution. KS The solutions are there. Carol I've been insisting on the county. This is set up for these three streams. I think that with all the streams in our area should be maintained by the county. I would allow the county to correct maintenance. Joe Romano the state has jurisdiction – KS Travis said the city is the only place where they don't have easements to approach the problem in a bigger way. Flooding, boring, highway. JR I have addressed it to the Assemblyman. CS see if the Assemblyman can step in. JR The project has been approved. Brynn on Loretto as far as the city knows is exploring the options they have for getting water, within 6 to 12 months they may ask to build a pump station at one of three locations. Right now there is nothing for the city to vote on. This is part of a long standing issue with Loretto and projects. Would they have to present to TNT, no. Why not, we had to talk to homeowners about sewer line. I don't understand the difference. John said it is on my property with the gasline. They've always misrepresented in the past. They admitted that they would be going over private property. Brynn says Water Department. KS consultant told John that they are certain.
13. **Announcements & School Notices:**
14. Sunday 2 p.m. MAPA free concert 2-4 ESP Jazz Concert. Outside for nice weather, upstairs in case of rain. Dedicated display panel at Heath Park honoring James Heath. Four generations of the Heath Family. Monthly meeting next week Wednesday 6:30 pm at Cecile Center.
15. Unity Center Zen Center 1-4 family friendly picnic, hot dogs Sunday
16. Rise Center call to a 3pm Aug. 25 Sunday.
17. Rabies vactination clinic at St. Lucys 2-7 tomorrow. Mail delivery problems in the Valley, three days without delivery. Schumer's office says make sure steps are shoveled. Colvin Street office says there's a problem but we can't tell you what happened. Water bill Academy Place bill didn't come out, people west of Valley Drive didn't get bill. Miles noticed that a lot didn't get a bill and nothing could be done about it. Can't they look at those who pay regularly. Nobody had an explanation mailman, someone threw the mail away. Is there anything that could be done about it. Brynn I will look into it? Any other departments? Just water bill.
18. Bbq Sept 14 at Our Lady of Hope/St. James.
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19. **Adjournment:** CW motion to adjourn. All in favor, no objections.

Next TNT Meeting: September 18th 2019