

**Eastside TNT March 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes****Facilitator** Sharon Sherman**Attendees:** Matt Oja, Beverly Griffin, David Kirby, Paul Harvey, Councilor Joe Driscoll, Lt. Eric Lindgren, Blake Carter (assemblywoman Hunter representative), Khris Dodson, Stephen Harris, Shavel Edwards, Peter Sarver, Audrey Edwards, Steve Waldron, Owen Kerney, Shawn Tyrrell, Eddie Ward, Sam Rodgers, Bettina Bender, Darlene Bender, Colin Beier, Rick Naycor, Courtney Scheffler, Geoffrey Scheffler

Meeting began at 7:05pm.

**Draft February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting minutes:** Paul Harvey motioned to approve the minutes as written, Matt Oja 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor.**Issues for District Representatives/Elected Officials/City Departments:** Lt. Lindgren distributed a crime analysis for the past month and an updated contact sheet. Questions were taken from the floor.**Stephen Harris, City Arborist:** Draft Urban Forest Master PlanMr. Harris provided a presentation overview of the urban forest master plan. Questions were taken from the floor. Email Stephen Harris with any questions [sharris@syrgov.net](mailto:sharris@syrgov.net) or visit the City website.

A question was asked in regards to the trees cut down on Erie Blvd. Owen Kerney, City Planning Department, stated that the State has been removing the trees for the construction of the Empire State Trail. New trees are being planted to replace the ones removed.

**Special Projects Presentation and Vote:** Each TNT sector has a total of \$5,000 for community building capital enhancement projects or community building events. Only those who live, work or own property within the Eastside sector are eligible to vote. Remaining balance is \$1,334. WNA submitted a proposal that was tabled by the TNT board of directors for more information; clarification has been received and the board has approved it going to the sector for vote. Shawn Tyrrell motioned to approve funding the WNA project in the amount of \$1,334, Steve Waldron 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor. Khris Dodson, representing OCNA, submitted a proposal for a beautification project: \$882 that will be covered from additional funding from the CNY Community Foundation.**TNT City-wide Board Update:** Matt Oja stated that TNT will have a float in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>; all participants must meet at Plum Street and Erie Blvd West by 1pm. In April, there will be nominations for the Eastside TNT board director positions; a two year term.**Announcements:**

- Blake Carter (representative for Assemblywoman Hunter's Office) Exceptional Woman Award nominees are now being accepted.
- The Land Bank has two grants for vacant lots; applications due March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- The April meeting topic will be 'Deer'.
- The May meeting will host Mayor Ben Walsh!

Matt Oja motioned to adjourn at 8:04pm, Paul Harvey 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor.