

**Eastside TNT September 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes****Facilitator** Beverly Griffin**Attendees:** Ken Garno, Hon. Joe Driscoll, Sharon Sherman, Harry Lewis, Blake Carter, Betty Pearson, B Kwasnik, Matt Oja, Joan Royle, Joseph Driscoll, Shavel Edwards, Samuel Gruber, Hon. Latoya Allen, Cydney Johnson, Sandy Porter

Meeting began at 6:02pm.

**Draft March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting minutes:** Ken Garno motioned to approve the minutes as written, Joan Royle 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor.**Issues for District Representatives/Elected Officials/City Departments:** Due to recent budget cuts, the Police will no longer have representatives at the TNT meetings. A request has been submitted for the Police to provide the monthly crime data reports.**Deer and Tick Update:** Ken Garno & Common Councilor Joe Driscoll

Ken Garno and Councilor Driscoll provided an update. Over 4,000 lbs of venison was available for meals in the community. There were some areas that felt they saw a big difference; others did not feel much of an effect. The committee has completed its work for the year, a report has been submitted to the City. The USDA requested additional sites for future culling sites. Questions were taken from the group.

**Special Projects Update:** Tina Zagya, TNT Operations Manager, stated that there is one special project from last fiscal year that was unable to proceed due to the pandemic. \$1,300 will return to the sector funds balance for the next round of proposals. Due to TNT's budget cut, the Special Project funds will be reduced during the next funding cycle.**TNT City-wide Board Update:** Matt Oja, Board Director, stated that Tina Zagya (TNT Operations Manager) and Jimmy Monto (TNT Board President) have provided tremendous behind the scenes support for the organization.

Ken Garno provided a Census update on percentages of self-reporting within the City compared to other parts of the country.

**Announcements:**

- Westcott Community Center has a gofundme page to raise money for a new van. <https://bit.ly/2Cqt6Wx>
- Southeast Neighborhood Association had a successful meeting with the Mayor.
- WACC completed a mural project near Taps, Nada Odom, local artist 'Middle Eastern Dreams'.
- The Landbank recently sold 145 Milner Ave, it is currently under contract.