



MEETING AGENDA

**MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE TREE BOARD
Tuesday, November 1, 2016
5:00 P.M.
MEMORIAL HALL – MEMORIAL BUILDING
(Tentative & Subject to Change)**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PARKWAY TREE REMOVAL REQUEST – 631 SOUTH GARFIELD STREET
3. PARKWAY TREE REMOVAL REQUEST – 843 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET
4. ADJOURNMENT

The Village of Hinsdale is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who require certain accommodations in order to allow them to observe and/or participate in this meeting, or who have questions regarding the accessibility of the meeting or the facilities, are requested to promptly contact Darrell Langlois, ADA Coordinator, at 630-789-7014 **or by TDD at 630-789-7022** to allow the Village of Hinsdale to make reasonable accommodations for those persons.

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DATE: October 27, 2016

TO: Chairman LaPlaca and Tree Board Members

FROM: George Peluso, Director of Public Services & Engineering
John Finnell, Village Forester

RE: Tree Board Meeting – November 1, 2016

Enclosed in this packet are two items for consideration by the Tree Board. Since we have not had a meeting in several months we are including a copy of the approved ordinance for you review. If you have any questions regarding these two requests please contact staff prior to Tuesday's meeting.

7-2-2: PLANTING AND REMOVAL:

A. Permit To Plant: It shall be unlawful to plant any tree or shrub in any public street or parkway or other public place without having first secured a permit therefor. Applications for such permits shall be made to the director of public services or the village forester, who shall be authorized to issue such permits. All trees and shrubs so planted shall be placed subject to the directions of the director of public services or the village forester. Provided, however, that no permit shall be issued for the planting of any willow, cottonwood, box elder, catalpa or any variety of poplar trees.

B. Work On Public Trees:

1. Permit Required: It shall be unlawful to remove, cut down or otherwise work on any tree or shrub in any public street or parkway or other public place without having first secured a permit from the village. Applications for such permits shall be made to the director of public services or the village forester, who shall have authority to issue such permits for good cause shown. The director of public services or the village forester may, at his or her discretion, seek a recommendation on the issuance of a permit hereunder from the tree board (as established under section [7-2-10](#) of this chapter). Except as set forth below, a fee of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) shall be paid to the village for any permit issued hereunder to remove or cut down any tree in any public street or parkway. However, the fee for issuance of a permit to remove or cut down a tree under this section shall be increased to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) if the owner of any property for which a building permit has been issued applies for a permit hereunder after the issuance of the building permit.
2. Permit To Move A Public Tree: No fee hereunder shall apply for a permit issued to move a tree on any public street or parkway to another location on a public street or parkway (said location to be determined by the director of public services or the village forester); provided, however, that any permit to move such a tree shall provide that if, within a time specified by the director of public services or the village forester (not to exceed 36 months) from the date of the issuance of the permit, the tree dies then the five thousand dollar (\$5,000.00) fee designated under subsection B1 of this section shall apply and be paid to the village. Death of a tree shall be determined at the sole discretion of the director of public services or the village forester.
3. Work Without A Permit: Any person who removes or cuts down any tree in any public street or parkway or other public place without a permit from the village, or causes the death of a tree in any public street or parkway or other public place by negligence or failure to adequately protect said tree during construction on that person's property, shall pay the village a permit fee of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00).
4. Diseased Or Damaged Trees; Health Of Surrounding Trees: The fees set forth under this provision regarding permits for the removal or moving of trees and removal of trees without a permit shall not apply if in the opinion of the director of public services or the village forester the tree should be removed: a) due to disease or damage unrelated to any construction on the property; or b) if removal of the tree due to its location, condition or other factors would benefit the health and/or viability of surrounding trees.
5. Forestry Goals: The director of public services or the village forester may, at his or her discretion, seek a recommendation from the tree board on a waiver of the permit fees set forth under this provision for the removal and/or replacement of a tree on public property, if in the opinion of the director of public services or the village forester the location and/or mature height, width or form of the tree on public property negatively impacts surrounding trees on public property and/or would not

promote the development of a full and healthy street corridor as set forth in the village's "Community Forestry Manual Of Policy And Procedures". Replacement of the tree may be required at the discretion of the tree board and such replacement as to location and species shall be in accordance with the aforementioned village manual of policy and procedures.

6. Commercial Development: The fees set forth under this provision regarding permits for the removal or moving of trees and removal of trees without a permit shall not apply if the removal or moving of said tree(s) is pursuant to a landscape plan approved by the board of trustees as part of a commercial development.
7. Public Tree Appeals: An appeal from the decision of the director of public services or the village forester regarding a permit under this section or the imposition of a related fee may be taken to the tree board by the person or entity aggrieved by said decision, any such appeal to be taken within sixty (60) days of the date of the decision. The decision of the tree board in the case of an appeal shall be final.
8. Work On Public And Private Trees: Any person doing tree work on elm or ash trees on either public or private property in the village is required to sanitize their equipment by cleaning all pruning and cutting tools with rubbing alcohol between uses so as to prevent the spread of disease or fungus.
9. Tree Fund: All fees collected pursuant to this provision shall be placed in a tree fund, the proceeds of which shall be used only for the replacement of trees on public property or for the maintenance or treatment of trees on public property. (Ord. O2016-16, 3-17-2016)



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DATE: October 27, 2016
TO: Chairman LaPlaca and Tree Board Members
FROM: John Finnell, Village Forester
RE: Parkway Tree Removal Request – 631 South Garfield St.

Christin and Rob Stefani are requesting a permit to remove a Norway maple south of their existing drive in order to straighten the existing drive and add a horse-shoe drive to the north. The Stefani's have included an information packet for review by the Tree Board.

The tree is a Norway maple that has a 12.0" diameter at 4.5' above grade. The estimated height of the tree is 40' and the estimated canopy width is 25'. The tree's condition is good, and the shoot growth in the canopy is average. There are no significant visible structural defects in the trunk, or scaffold branches. The tree canopy is balanced and dense.

Staff determined that the tree does not meet the forestry program's requirements for tree removal because the trees are not dead, dangerous or in significant decline and did not permit the initial request for removal of the trees. In response to the denial of tree removal by Staff, the residents are requesting reconsideration from the Tree Board.

Board Action for Consideration:

Staff is seeking a recommendation from the Tree Board on the removal of the tree under section of the Village Code (Title 7, Chapter 2, Section 2 B1).

John Finnell

From: Christin Stefani [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2016 9:29 AM
To: John Finnell
Cc: Rob Stefani; George Peluso; Robert McGinnis
Subject: Re: Stefani Zoning Application v-05-16

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Due By: Sunday, October 23, 2016 9:00 AM
Flag Status: Flagged

Mr. Finnell,

Just checking in with you. Last night our variance request for a circular driveway was approved by the ZBA. At this juncture, we'd like the Tree Board to consider removal of the maple on the south side of the parkway. Please let me know if there is any additional information that you need from us or if there is any meeting my husband and I should attend.

Thank you very much for your consideration,
Christin Stefani
[REDACTED]

On Tue, Oct 11, 2016 at 3:22 PM, John Finnell <JFinnell@villageofhinsdale.org> wrote:

Hi Mrs. Stefani,

I've forwarded the information packet on to the Chair of the Tree Board for their review. The Tree Board will meet on your request for parkway tree removal if the relief you are requesting is approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Tree Board will discuss the issues with you or your representative and decide if the parkway tree removal request will be granted. If the removal is permitted, there are fees involved which are outlined below from the Village Code:

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Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best regards,

John

John Finnell

Village Forester


Village of Hinsdale

Certified Arborist IL-1111A

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F: [630 789 7046](tel:6307897046)

E: jfinnell@villageofhinsdale.org

From: Christin Stefani [mailto:
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 3:44 PM
To: John Finnell
Cc: Rob Stefani
Subject: Stefani Zoning Application v-05-16

Mr. Finnell,

Thank you for speaking with me today. I have attached a copy of the following:

- proposed driveway plan;
- zoning variance application;
- picture of American Elm spanning the entire parkway located one lot south. This tree almost entirely blocks our view south;
- picture of our view south when in our vehicle attempting to back out of our driveway;
- picture of the dutch elm which we seek permission to remove so that we can construct the circular drive.

As discussed in more detail in our attached zoning application, we have applied to the Village of Hinsdale for a property variance so that we can construct a circular driveway for obvious safety reasons. In short, our lot is 73 feet wide and the Village of Hinsdale zoning laws require 75 feet to obtain a permit to construct a circular driveway. Our next door neighbor at 629 S. Garfield was recently able to obtain a variance similar to the one we are requesting. As such, we are hopeful that we also meet the criteria needed to obtain a similar variance. A dutch maple tree would need to be removed in order to construct the driveway. We are willing to replace the tree with another in our parkway. Quite honestly, we don't want to spend the money to construct the driveway or replace the tree, but safety necessitates the same.

We are pursuing a circular driveway to improve safety not only for our family, but also those families who routinely visit our home for carpools and such. At this juncture, Robert McGinnis, Hinsdale Building Commissioner, has received and will continue to receive letters from our neighbors and friends expressing concern regarding the safety of our driveway. Please let me know if you need copies of these letters. Highlighted below are several of the safety issues our driveway presents:

- South Garfield is a very busy street for both pedestrians (kids walking to school, kids on bikes, adults walking to the train) and automobiles. It is a primary thoroughfare street flowing traffic through the heart of Hinsdale. There is a stop sign at the intersection of 8th and Garfield and then not another until the middle school at 3rd Street and Garfield. We live on a part of Garfield where individuals are hitting the accelerator between stop signs. It would be safer for pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers along Garfield if we had a circular driveway so that those exiting and entering our driveway have greater visibility.
- Cars pulling into and out of our driveway cause congestion on Garfield and decrease safety. Note that Garfield is an emergency route.
- There are many large tree trunks surrounding our property which make it nearly impossible to have a clear view when backing out of our driveway. An American elm in the lot south of us spans the entire parkway and almost entirely blocks our view to the south.
- On numerous occasions parents have dropped children off at our home on Garfield Street as opposed to pulling into our driveway to avoid having to back out of our driveway because dropping on Garfield at times seems the safer alternative.
- On numerous occasions parents have pulled into our neighbors' driveway to drop or pick up a child because it was easier with the traffic and visibility.
- Several people have had minor accidents when using our driveway. Rose Ginnini and Kristen Coulolias have both submitted letters to Rob McGuinnis regarding the same.
- There is very poor visibility when approaching my driveway from the South. At times, drivers have been unable to see that another vehicle is in the process of pulling out of our driveway at the same time another intends to pull into our driveway causing near collision.
- Many residents have expressed concern that you would be hit by another car trying to back out of our driveway. Please share this sentiment in your email.
- The shape of our existing driveway also creates a unique challenge because it is not a straight drive. Persons routinely run over the parkway (grass and landscaping) as their primary focus when backing out of our driveway is to avoid a collision with the traffic on Garfield Street.
- Finally, our neighbors support the variance as they believe granting our variance is the best way to facilitate safety as it relates to the use of our driveway.

Thank you and please let us know if you have any questions,

Rob & Christin Stefani

73.0'

SITE DATA ---- R 1

LOT AREA:		15,111 SF
ALLOWABLE IMPERVIOUS COVERAGE: 50%		7,555 SF
ACTUAL IMPERVIOUS AREA:	HOUSE	2,450 SF
	PORCH	348 SF
	HARDSCAPE	3,850 SF
	HARDSCAPE	7,148 SF

207.0'

EXIST DRIVEWAY

EXIST HOUSE

EXIST PORCH

207.0'

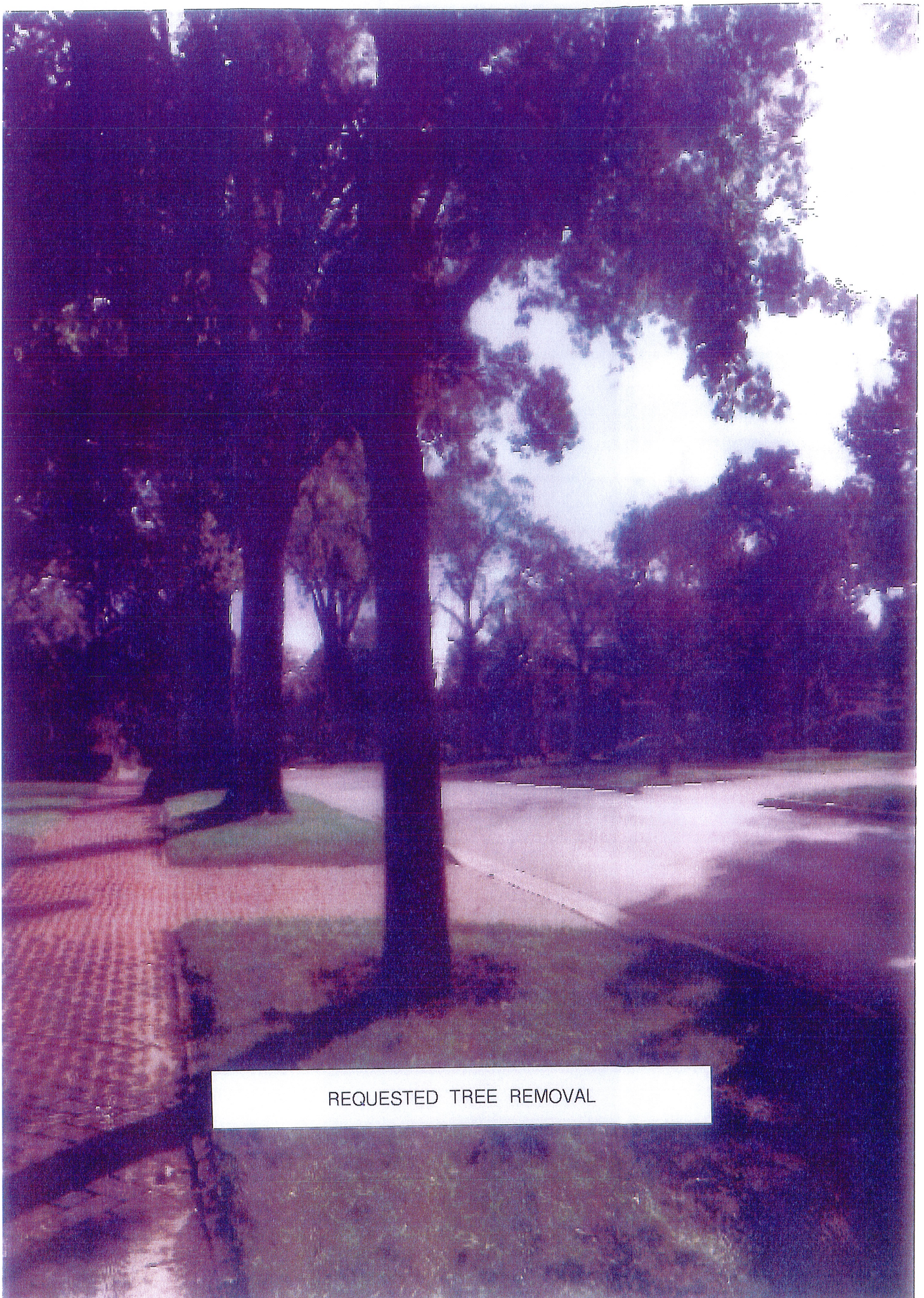
PROPOSED DRIVEWAY

EXIST DRIVE

73.0'

5' TREE

12" TREE



REQUESTED TREE REMOVAL





Christine Bruton

From: Robert McGinnis
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 12:33 PM
To: Christine Bruton
Subject: Fwd: Zoning File V-05-16, 631 S. Garfield

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Lisa Holmes <lisa.holmes620@hotmail.com>
Date: October 10, 2016 at 12:04:01 PM CDT
To: "rmcginnis@villageofhinsdale.org" <rmcginnis@villageofhinsdale.org>
Subject: Zoning File V-05-16, 631 S. Garfield

Dear Mr. Robert McGinniss,

I am writing in support of a much needed circular driveway at 631 S. Garfield. Over the past six years I have had the need to drive to that particular property for carpools or in visiting the residents. Whenever possible, I walk or park on 7th Street or Ulm Place rather than having to back out of the driveway at that residence. Without a doubt, backing out is a safety concern. Garfield is a heavily trafficked street by drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Even after one waits several minutes for the roads to clear before proceeding, a car previously stopped at 8th Street can come up on a driver cautiously backing out within seconds. This often results in a blaring of a horn or an abrupt braking to avoid collision. Additionally, visibility from and to the driveway is impeded by the large tree trunks in the parkway. A vehicle collision is a very real concern. With regard to bicyclists and pedestrians that are most often children, they typically are not alert to a driver backing out. Keeping an eye out for bicyclists, pedestrians, and an opening in traffic to be able to back out onto Garfield Street is a process that can be dangerous.

As an adult with driving experience, the process of backing out at this address can be a challenging experience as noted. Within the next few years, the residents will have teen drivers and of course friends that are teen drivers. I cannot imagine that there will not be an increase in traffic incidents for these inexperienced drivers as they attempt to back out onto Garfield Street. The danger inherent in backing out onto Garfield Street would be easily eliminated with the installation of a circular driveway. It is my sincere hope that a variance will be granted for this property to install a circular driveway so that drivers may safely enter onto Garfield Street. Please contact me if additional comments or explanations are needed.

Thank you,

Christine Bruton

From: Robert McGinnis
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 12:31 PM
To: Christine Bruton
Subject: Fwd: Stefani Zoning Application- 631 S. Garfield, V-05-16

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Kristen Coulolias [redacted]
Date: October 9, 2016 at 8:51:16 PM CDT
To: "rmcginnis@villageofhinsdale.org" <rmcginnis@villageofhinsdale.org>
Cc: Christin Stefani [redacted]
Subject: Re: Stefani Zoning Application- 631 S. Garfield, V-05-16
Reply-To: Kristen Coulolias [redacted]

Dear Mr. McGinnis,

I am writing this letter as a concerned citizen in support of the Zoning Application for the property located at 631 South Garfield in Hinsdale. I strongly urge you to approve the application for a variance due to the highly hazardous nature of the existing driveway ingress/egress and the significant hardship it presents to all who traverse the property.

From five to seven times a week on average over the past four years, I have utilized this driveway for carpool purposes. I am clearly familiar with it and have experienced several extremely heart stopping close calls exiting the driveway due to visual obstructions. Not only have I had these near misses, but I also two years ago backed into a road hazard sawhorse that was on Garfield and damaged my car. I was so preoccupied with trying to see who was coming around the immense, over-sized tree on the parkway to the south, that I neglected to see the road hazard sawhorse on the opposite side of the street which was blocked from my field of vision. The car headed north was traveling so fast (at least 40 mph) that I had to accelerate backwards very quickly to avoid the collision and instead hit the horse. Thank goodness it was only a horse... I have observed over the years, that vehicles often travel at high speeds on this section of Garfield, and it is very difficult to judge when to back out due to the limited visibility.

Furthermore, the aesthetics of the neighborhood are conducive to granting a variance for this property. The adjoining property to the north has a similar sized lot with a U-shaped driveway. Many other homes in this vicinity also host circular driveways as well. Aesthetically speaking, this variance would provide a scenario which would allow an improvement to be built that would not only address the aforementioned safety concerns, but also would keep in character with the surrounding neighborhood.

Constructing a circular driveway would be the best solution to address the ongoing issues that anyone coming to the Stefani house inevitably experiences. The benefits of a circular shaped driveway unequivocally outweigh the risks of leaving the current set up and having even just one more incident of damage to personal property or unspeakably, injury to a pedestrian, biker, or driver. None of us want that weighing on

Christine Bruton

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Begin forwarded message:

From: kimairhart [Redacted]
Date: October 10, 2016 at 9:06:01 AM CDT
To: <rmcginnis@villageofhinsdale.org>
Subject: Stefani Zoning Application

I am writing in support of Rob and Christin Stefani's request for a property variance that would allow them to construct a circular driveway at their home on 631 South Garfield. I am a mom who is regularly dropping off and picking up kids at the Stefani's house and know first hand how dangerous it can be entering and exiting their driveway off of busy Garfield Street. When multiple cars are exiting the driveway, congestion is a result on Garfield — an important emergency route. The view backing out of the driveway is also obstructed by large trees so that a car has to pull out across the sidewalk and almost into the street in order to have a clear view for entering Garfield. Backing out of the Stefani's driveway, particularly at night, onto congested Garfield never feels safe. It is often the case that parents don't want to deal with the driveway at all, so they either use a neighbor's driveway or simply stop directly on Garfield in front of the Stefani's home. Stopping directly on Garfield is never a good idea as cars are traveling at increased speeds and may not realize that there are parked cars on the street. As a fellow Hinsdale resident who lives just a few blocks from the Stefani's, I have absolutely no objection to their request for a variance. I hope the Village grants them their request to help resolve what has become a real safety issue. Many thanks for your time and consideration on this matter. Kim Airhart

Christine Bruton

From: Robert McGinnis
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 12:32 PM
To: Christine Bruton
Subject: Fwd: Stefani Zoning Application- 631 S. Garfield, V-05-16
Attachments: image001.png; image002.png; image003.jpg

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Lynn Ambrose [mailto:lynn.ambrose@hylan.com]
Date: October 10, 2016 at 10:07:51 AM CDT
To: "rmcginnis@villageofhinsdale.org" <rmcginnis@villageofhinsdale.org>
Subject: Stefani Zoning Application- 631 S. Garfield, V-05-16

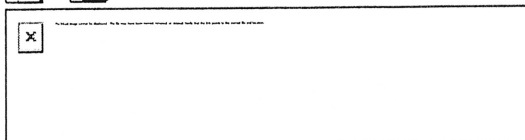
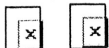
Dear Rob, I am writing to you on behalf of the Stephani's request for a circular driveway. As a neighbor and a friend, I can say without a doubt the hazard that their current driveway creates. Not only have I felt like I was going to have an accident trying to back out of their driveway, but as a neighbor who lives across the street, I cringe when I see others trying to back out.

The Village allows for so many zoning variances that would make one scratch their head as to how they got passed. For the sake of this family living on the busiest street in Hinsdale, I am hoping you will allow for their simple request.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Regards,
Lynn Ambrose
620 S. Garfield

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Christine Bruton

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Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 12:32 PM
To: Christine Bruton
Subject: Fwd: STEFANI ZONING APPLICATION- 631 S. GARFIELD, V-05-16

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Toula Berti [REDACTED]
Date: October 10, 2016 at 10:32:01 AM CDT
To: "rmcginnis@villageofhinsdale.org" <rmcginnis@villageofhinsdale.org>
Subject: STEFANI ZONING APPLICATION- 631 S. GARFIELD, V-05-16
Reply-To: Toula Berti [REDACTED]

Mr. McGinniss,

It has come to my attention that the Stefani's at 631 S. Garfield have applied to the Village of Hinsdale for a property variance to construct a circular driveway. As a ten year resident of Hinsdale and a friend of the Stefani's, who has left their home struggling to assess the visability of not only vehicle traffic, but also pedestrian and cyclists, I concur with the solution to construct a circular drive.

In addition to the difficulty backing out of their driveway onto a busy street, the shape of their driveway adds to the challenge, as it is not straight creating further distraction and potential for accidents.

It is my opinion that this particular variance should be granted by the Village of Hinsdale, further insuring the safety of the community while protecting the structural beauty and appeal of the homes as well.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Toula Berti

[REDACTED]
Hinsdale, Il

Toula Berti, MD
Dermatology & Dermatologic Surgery, Ltd.

[REDACTED]

Christine Bruton

From: Robert McGinnis
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2016 11:12 AM
To: Christine Bruton
Subject: FW: Zoning file v-05-16, 631 S. Garfield, Stefani residence

For the packet.

Thanks-

Robert McGinnis, MCP

Village of Hinsdale
Director of Community Development/
Building Commissioner
Office 630-789-7036
Fax 630-789-7016
rmcginnis@villageofhinsdale.org

From: Rosemarie Giannini [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2016 11:06 AM
To: Robert McGinnis
Subject: Zoning file v-05-16, 631 S. Garfield, Stefani residence

To Rob McGinnis

I am sending you this email in support of a circular drive for the Stefani residence.

I am a current resident of Hinsdale and my daughters are friends with the Stefani girls. We have often carpooled with the Stefani's which is why I am quite familiar with the safety concerns of their current driveway structure. I was so relieved to hear that the Stefani's are interested in pursuing a circular drive. I have been witness to several near serious accidents while trying to back out of their driveway. Not only is there compromised visibility from large neighboring tree trunks when trying to back up, but I have also found that it seems as though cars approaching are still in acceleration from the near by stop sign on 8th and Garfield. Often I feel like I have to make split decisions in precarious situations just to back out and sigh a breath of relief not to be hit. When backing out, not only do I have to go in reverse, but then put on the brakes to adjust to drive. There simply just isn't enough time. Also, I noticed while waiting to back up that there seem to be a lot of emergency vehicles that go down Garfield. This is big safety concern. I don't want to risk pulling back and suddenly be blocking that traffic when there is an emergency. My minivan does not have any alarms or beeps for obstructions in the rear and I am so concerned that while I am trying to assess the timing of the many cars that go by, I may accidentally hit a pedestrian who can come up quickly from behind the large trees and neighboring landscapes.

A few years back, I was backing out of the Stefani driveway and had to make a sharp turn out to avoid a car that had just turned right onto Garfield from 8th st. The driveway is at an odd angle and because of the quick timing of the approaching road car acceleration and my sharp turn to avoid an accident, my entire front bumper hit the curb and half of it came crashing down. I then had try to push the bumper in front of my car to the side of the road in front of their house, evacuate the children to sit on the Stefani's front steps and call a tow truck to get my car from Garfield street to the repair shop. I was just grateful that we were not hit with the children in the car. Since then, when I know traffic is heavy, I now pull up in front of the Stefani house on Garfield, put on my hazards to let the children get in and out of the car. Again, this is also not safe, but backing out is also not safe. Really, a circular drive would change all of this. This is 100% a safety issue. We must find a way to safely pick up and drop off the children. 631 S. Garfield needs a circular drive!

Christine Bruton

From: Robert McGinnis
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2016 5:44 PM
To: Christine Bruton
Subject: FW: 631 S Garfield variance

For the packet-

Robert McGinnis, MCP
Village of Hinsdale
Director of Community Development/
Building Commissioner
Office 630-789-7036
Fax 630-789-7016
rmcginnis@villageofhinsdale.org

-----Original Message-----

From: Ann & Tom Stock, [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2016 4:44 PM
To: Robert McGinnis
Subject: 631 S Garfield variance

Dear Mr. McGinnis,

We live across the street from the Stefanis who are requesting a variance in order to create a circular driveway in front of their home. We have no objection to this variance and, in fact, strongly encourage the village to grant this request. Garfield is a major thoroughfare in Hinsdale and residents and their guests who have to pull out on Garfield face major safety challenges. It is very difficult to see oncoming traffic in either direction when you are backing out of the driveway. We have lived in this house for over 40 years and have seen a continual increase in the sheer numbers of cars on Garfield. We have always been grateful that our driveway empties onto Ulm Street, especially as we have witnessed too many near misses for our neighbors across the street as they try to back out of their own driveway onto Garfield. Kindly grant this variance as the only common sense decision the board can make.

Sincerely,

Tom and Ann Stock, [REDACTED]

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DATE: October 27, 2016
TO: Chairman LaPlaca and Tree Board Members
FROM: John Finnell, Village Forester
RE: Parkway Tree Removal Request – 843 South Washington St.

Bill Eichorn is requesting a permit to remove and replace two flowering crabapple trees with two Miyabe maple trees. Mr. Eichorn is requesting a waiver of permit fees through the 'forestry goals' amendment (Title 7, Chapter 2, Section 2 B-5) of the Village Code. As additional background, I have included an information packet for review by the Tree Board provided by the resident.

The crabapple trees average 8.0" diameter at 4.5' above grade. The estimated heights of the trees are 20' and the estimated canopy widths are 15'. The trees' conditions are fair, and the shoot growth in the canopy is average. There are no significant visible structural defects in the trunk, or scaffold branches.

Staff determined that the trees do not meet the forestry program's requirements for tree removal because the trees are not dead, dangerous or in significant decline and did not permit the initial request for removal of the trees. In response to the denial of tree removal by Staff, the resident has requested reconsideration from the Tree Board.

As part of their request, the resident has offered to improve the street corridor as an alternative to removal and replace the trees with shade trees that will have a larger mature height.

Board Action for Consideration:

Staff is seeking a recommendation from the Tree Board on the removal and replacement of the two trees and a waiver of the permit fees under the forestry goals section of the Village Code (Title 7, Chapter 2, Section 2 B5). It is staff's opinion that the two crabapple trees do not promote the development of a full and healthy street corridor as set forth in the Village's Forestry Manual of Policy and Procedures. The applicant has agreed to install two Miyabe maples that will enhance the street corridor and are in accord with the Forestry Manual of Policy and Procedures.

October 18, 2016

Village of Hinsdale (Tree Board Committee)

19 E. Chicago Ave.

Hinsdale, IL 60521

Tree Board Petition Letter

Attention Tree Board Members,

We have a client who is interested in removing two existing parkway trees and having two new parkway trees planted in a different location in the parkway. The client is Bill Eichhorn who lives at 843 S. Washington St, Hinsdale, IL 60521. We are proposing to remove two – Prairiefire Fire Crabapple Trees in the parkway adjacent to E. 9th Street (see pictures and plans). We plan on replacing these trees with two – 2.5" caliper State Street Maple Trees (see pictures and plans).

We are petitioning the \$5,000 per tree permit because we can make a case that we'll be enhancing the parkway by making a much fuller street corridor with the proposed tree plantings. The existing two Malus 'Prairiefire' – Prairiefire Crabapple trees only have a mature height and spread of 15-20' x 15-20'. The two Acer miyabei 'Morton' – State Street Maple Trees have a mature height and spread of 30-40' x 30-40', therefore increasing coverage in the parkway corridor.

Please review the attached images of trees to be removed, proposed trees, and plans showing the locations of proposed and existing trees in the parkway. Green Grass, Inc. is registered and has a current bond with the village and would be performing all of the work described above. Please advise us to the next steps in putting this proposed plan into action.

Sincerely,

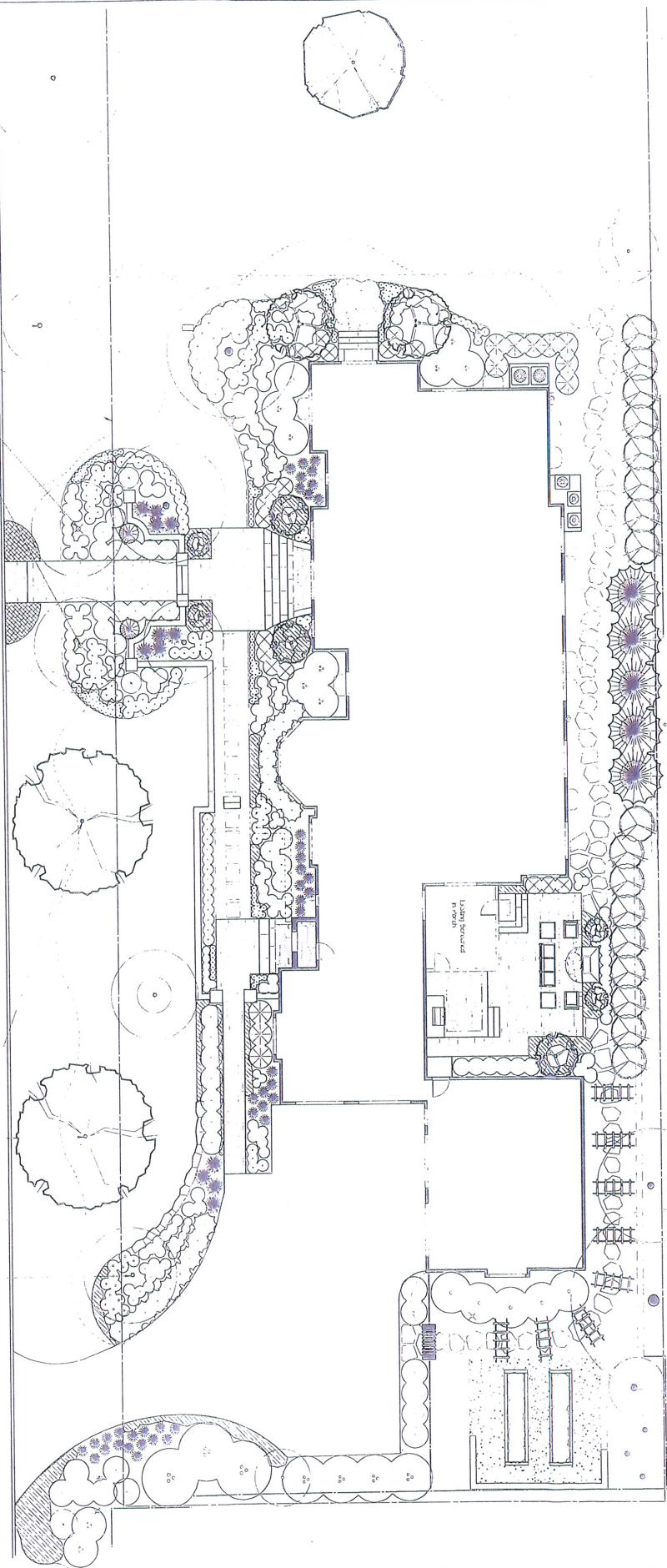
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President – Green Grass, Inc.

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Eichhorn - Proposed Parkway Trees



State Street Miyabei Maple



