



MEETING AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TREE BOARD

Tuesday, February 15, 2022
7:00 P.M.

MEMORIAL HALL – MEMORIAL BUILDING
19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois
(Tentative and Subject to Change)

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 16, 2021
3. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION
 - a) 646 South Bruner Street
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. ADJOURNMENT

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**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
TREE BOARD
November 16, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The specially scheduled meeting of the Tree Board was called to order by Chairman Scott Banke in Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., roll call was taken.

Present: Chairman Scott Banke and Trustees Matt Posthuma and Michelle Fisher

Absent: Trustee Laurel Haarlow

Also Present: Director of Public Services George Peluso, Superintendent of Parks and Forestry John Finnell, and Village Clerk Christine Bruton

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 2, 2021

Mr. Finnell provided an update regarding the trees on the 444 East Fourth Street matter. There were three trees removed for a permit fee of \$5,000/per tree. Following changes to the draft minutes, Trustee Banke moved to **approve the draft minutes of the regular meeting of November 2, 2021, as amended.** Trustee Fisher seconded the motion.

Voice vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

3. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION

a) 322 West Second Street

Mr. Finnell summarized the request to remove a parkway tree. This is the corner house on Clay and Second Street. The existing driveway is off Clay Street. This is a narrow lot. He described the tree in question which is a mature Lindon 24" trunk diameter, 60' feet high in good condition, with good density and spacing with other existing trees providing a positive impact on the streetscape on Clay.

Mr. Zaim Sakiri, applicant, addressed the Board explaining that like most downtown lots in Hinsdale, it is small lot, 62' x 130' feet. They have worked for several months to maximize the lot, and maneuver the garage into another appropriate location with no success. He has spoken to his neighbors to the south and east about the removal. He feels bad about removing the tree, and will work with the Board for a positive outcome. Discussion followed regarding possible alternatives. Chairman Banke explained the Board's approval relies on evidence of hardship. Mr. Finnell said he can work toward moving the driveway to within 5' feet of the driveway apron, instead of the required 10' feet. Chairman Banke feels saving the tree adds to the value of the property, and this is a fair compromise. Mr. Finnell will meet with the homeowner on site to help resolve this, and provide methods to protect the tree, when moving the apron closer to the tree.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Banke **moved to adjourn the meeting of the Tree Board of November 16, 2021.** Trustee Posthuma seconded the motion. Voice vote taken, all in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Christine M. Bruton, Village Clerk



DATE: January 21, 2022

TO: Chairman Banke and Tree Board Members
FROM: John Finnell, Superintendent of Parks and Forestry
RE: Parkway Tree Removal Request – 646 S Bruner Street

Mr. Mark Serlo is requesting a permit to remove a parkway white ash tree at 646 S Bruner Street as part of a new residential construction project. As additional background, I have included email with background information for review by the Tree Board provided by the resident.

The ash tree is 15" diameter at 4.5' above grade. The estimated height of the tree is 40' and the estimated canopy width is 30'. The tree condition is fair, and the shoot growth in the canopy is average. There are no significant visible structural defects in the trunk, or scaffold branches. There are signs of infestation by Emerald Ash Borer; the tree has been treated annually through soil injection of insecticide since 2011. The tree canopy is unbalanced due to utility line clearance pruning. The tree is properly spaced in the parkway and provides a positive impact on the street corridor. There may be adequate space for a replacement parkway tree depending on the ultimate location of the driveway apron.

Staff determined that the tree does not meet the forestry program's requirements for tree removal because the tree is 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, Mr. Serlo has requested reconsideration from the Tree Board.

Board Action for Consideration:

Staff is seeking a recommendation from the Tree Board on the removal of the landscape and payment of the permit fee under the forestry goals section of the Village Code (Title 7, Chapter 2, Section 2 B1).



John Finnell

From: Mark Serlo <serlomd@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 7:53 AM
To: John Finnell
Cc: Ryan Dunham
Subject: 646 S. Bruner Street - Serlo Request

Follow Up Flag: Flag for follow up
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Hi John

Thank you for meeting with Ryan and myself last week to talk through our concerns with the white ash parkway tree (on 7th Street) on the side of our residence on 646 S. Bruner Street.

Based on our conversation, we would like to move forward with formally requesting the white ash tree on 7th Street be removed for the following concerns –

- 1) This white ash tree is being treated for ash borer disease. Based on the treatment of ash borer disease, there are concerns that portions of this tree are infested with the disease and appears to be showing early signs of distress, thus raising significant concerns for the longevity of this tree.
- 2) ComEd recently completed significant pruning due to line clearance. This significant pruning is considered severe and most likely will harm the health and longevity of the tree. As you will see in the picture below, the tree was essentially cut in half.

Based on my prior Homeowners Association board experiences in overseeing parkway trees (with several ash trees being removed due to ash borer disease), I understand the importance, value, beauty, and investment into maintaining parkways trees. With that said, if our request is approved to remove the ash tree, I am more than willing to replace the tree(s) on 7th Street and/or add one on Bruner Street or at the Village's discretion.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any follow-up questions with our request. Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Respectfully, Mark Serlo

646 S. Bruner Street

Serlomd@gmail.com

(312) 636-0230



Serlo Residence Request

- Address: 646 S. Bruner St.
- Residence: Mark, Haroula, Abigail and David Serlo
- Phone: 312.636.0230
- Email: serlomd@gmail.com



Request: Remove parkway tree to allow for a full driveway use

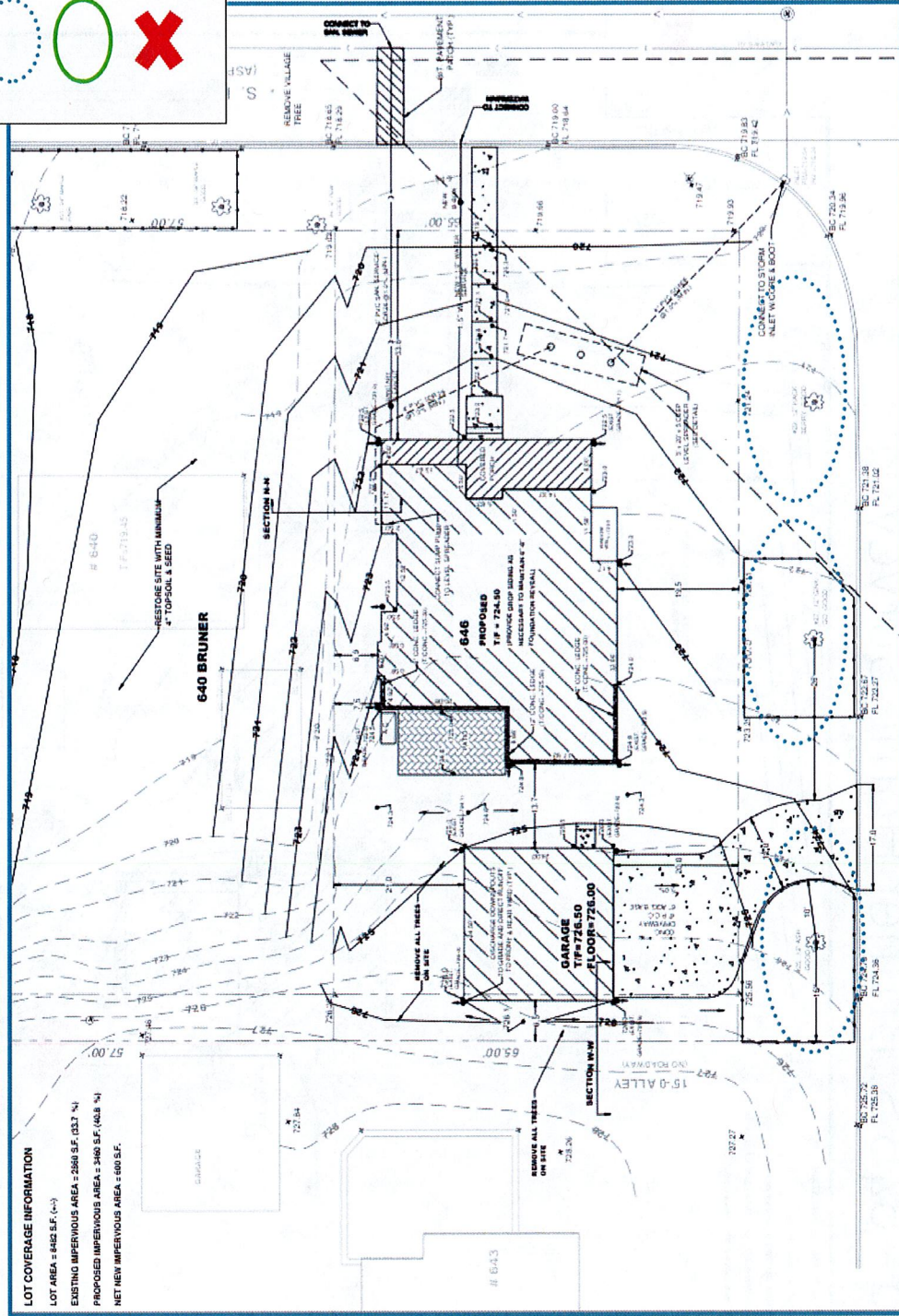
Proposal*			
1	Remove Parkway Tree	2	3
Remove parkway tree that is impacting driveway (allow for full driveway usage)		Add a new parkway tree on 7 th near previous existing tree	Serlo's willing to add another parkway tree(s) on Bruner or to Village's discretion
Consideration: Serlo's purchased 7.5 ft alley-way looking to maximize square footage capacity – unaware that parkway tree would impact efforts.			
Importance: Having a full driveway will reduce obstructed views when backing-up. Also, having a full driveway will enable us to have additional space/usage for family.			

*Mock-ups available for review

Village Approved - 646 S. Bruner Home Survey

Key

- Original placement/no change
- New tree
- Removal of tree



Original 646 S. Bruner Home Survey

