

Tioga Terrace Civic Association - Meeting Minutes September 9, 2025

In Attendance: Meredith Bocek, Elise Bennett, Linda Roden, Rose Howard, Trish Laveille, Jennifer Savelli, Ann Majka, guest Molly Farray

Meeting Minutes: From May, 2025 introduced and approved

Treasurer's Report:

- Reviewed TTCA Budget Report from August
- Please submit any outstanding receipts (landscaping)

Legislative:

- Pavillion status: Needs concrete poured. Once concrete is poured picnic tables should arrive.
- There was no formal plan for street work, except for Cherry Ct. and Crescent.
- Although Vestal Asphalt is paid in full, Cherry Ct. and Crescent have not been addressed. Discussed having community members affected submit photos and receipts for damage to private property caused by paving. Rose was advised repair of those roads was bundled with repair of property adjacent to Apalachin school and due to schedule conflicts, no repair scheduled.

Parks: Co-chairs were not present but they sent in updates

- Summer park activities, progress on the Pavillion very much appreciated.
 - Follow up on request for dead tree removal.
 - Suggestion: Fence/Barrier between Park and Pvt Property with large truck(s).
 - **Suggestion: Fence to keep the pickle balls and basket balls within the courts**
 - Motion:by Trish Tree Planting Committee: Meredith, Trish, and Ann
 - Will suggest a tree to buy and plant at Tioga Blvd Park for Spring (take advantage of town of Owego to potentially dig the hole?). Budget: 500.00
- Seconded by Ann

Garden:

- Guest Ms. Farray – Senior Engineer technician from the Dept of Transportation (DOT) spoke about invasive plants noted in the terrace, one area is the walkway between Glann and Brookside.
 - Mugwort, Japanese Stiltgrass, Multiflora among other plants noted
 - NYS website has a website dedicated to management of invasive species, the NYSDEC allocates millions of dollars in grants to fund invasive species prevention projects across the state including Owego area.
 - Trish and Molly are interested in project to tackle invasive species in the terrace, with cooperation from Owego legislature and help from the community eg. Cub scouts. Local scout leadership email: Cubmasterpack43ny@gmail.com
- Tioga Gardens hosting Fall Seminar Series specified Thursdays at 6 PM – hand out and information on Facebook page.

Newsletter:

- Deadline's established for the coming year, 1 week minimum needed for printing.
 - Set dates for the year:
 - info due 9/19, to printer 9/29, Deliver 10/6

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- info due 11/14, to printer 11/20, Deliver Dec 1
- info due 1/12, to printer 1/19, Deliver 1/26
- info due 3/27, to printer 4/6, Deliver 4/13
- Need for more print copies to bring print total to 165: 75 Red Apple 75 Visions and 15 for newcomers.
- Needed positions Elections coming up in 2026 for TTCA:
 - President
 - VP
 - Garage Sale
 - Halloween Party

Facebook:

- No Issues submitted

Special Events – Meredith Bocek to remain in the Events/Programs position

Halloween Party

- Discussed instead of allocating funds towards a Halloween Party (low turn out last year), using funds (\$300) towards Tioga Hills Fall Festival Trunk or Treat.
 - Creation of Banner on car to promote the TTCA/Use for other events - Mere
 - Date is TBD, as of 9/12 have not yet heard from principal, Ann contacted again.
 - Trish and Rose interested in dedicating their vehicle for this use decorating and handing out candy.

Music in the Park August 2026

- Plan to provide music Sunday nights around 6 PM at Pavillion
- Performers may include Meredith, The Millers, Rob Siegers, Mike Showalter and Larry Lolli from the Terrace.

Scholarship: Need to advertise this Fall to encourage students to apply. Ann Majka to take position.

Membership Drive:

Leadership assumed 7-8 routes on their own, not sustainable. There are 35-36 routes total.

- Tioga Terrace has established a Venmo, this could reduce legwork in the coming year.
- Total membership 9,533, 60% homes in have donated.
- Approximately 200 homes less than the year before.
- Increasing budget for membership and consider nice gifts for volunteers.
- Meredith offered to help out Elise with Membership when Keri leaves the position

Newcomers: 19 Brookside Ave East, 15 Riverview Drive, 78 Glann Road, 57 Frederick Drive. Do not have the August sales, yet

Meeting Adjourned

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Next Meeting: October 14, 2025