

**Fw: Comments for the consideration of the Board of Trustees as you work on drafting procedures regarding the BAR process and Tree regulation.**

David McFadden <dmcfadden@tuxedopark-ny.gov>

Wed 1/18/2023 5:58 PM

To: Elizabeth Doherty <edoherty@tuxedopark-ny.gov>; John Ledwith <jledwith@tuxedopark-ny.gov>

Please pdf this for the records

---

**From:** JoAnn Hanson <pbchair@tuxedopark-ny.gov>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 21, 2022 7:54 PM

**To:** David McFadden <dmcfadden@tuxedopark-ny.gov>; Paul Brooke <pbrooke@tuxedopark-ny.gov>; Tinka Shaw <tshaw@tuxedopark-ny.gov>; Chris Kasker <ckasker@tuxedopark-ny.gov>; Joshua Scherer <jscherer@tuxedopark-ny.gov>

**Cc:** jhr@reichgott.com <jhr@reichgott.com>; Rich Witte <tparkie1@gmail.com>; bronwynroantree@gmail.com <bronwynroantree@gmail.com>; Joshua Scherer <jscherer@tuxedopark-ny.gov>

**Subject:** Comments for the consideration of the Board of Trustees as you work on drafting procedures regarding the BAR process and Tree regulation.

Dear Mayor McFadden and Village Trustees:

Below are comments by the Planning Board members copied above.

"The Planning Board supports the recent BAR comments opposing setting a dollar threshold for items that go before the BAR. Applicants before both Boards are often educated and guided to best practices which are ultimately beneficial to the applicants. In addition, the process allows neighbors to be aware and comment on proposed changes. As the Village is currently experiencing, it is difficult and expensive to enforce code requirements when residents proceed with renovations without submitting proper plans and conforming to buildings codes.

From a Planning Board perspective, the presence of and maintenance of trees on properties is a key component of maintaining proper drainage for the property itself and for neighboring properties. Trees also provide privacy and screening between neighbors. As the Trustees are aware, the Lake is the Village's drinking water source and minimizing runoff into the Lake is an important environmental consideration.

Both Boards are sensitive to making the process proceed smoothly for the applicants, as the Boards are volunteer, knowledgeable neighbors working with and on behalf of neighbors."

Regards,  
JoAnn Hanson  
Planning Board Chair