Tree Board Minutes, April 16 2019

Present: Cathy Appleby, Priya Banerjee, Margay Blackman, Kathy Goetz, Melissa Rivelis, Tim Kewin, Tony Schimec, Lori Staubitz

Approval of minutes from March meeting. Minutes were approved by all present. Margay asked Priya to send the minutes electronically to Leslie. Priya said she would.

Donations: Cathy reported that she collected $22 from donation jars.

Article in the Suburban News about tree removals: The red ribbons around certain trees sparked questions from Brockport residents. The article in Suburban News indicated that the red-ribboned trees were marked for removal.

Meeting with MRB engineers regarding GIS Mapping (waterlines, sewers, storm sewers, trees, etc): Margay reported that the Tree Board could use information generated by the MRB group to write and submit a DEC or Urban Forest grant. They will let us know about the cost.

Market street landscape plan – contract signed with Sue Steele Landscaping: Sue Steele will present two landscape concepts to the Village Board and the Tree Board. Money to pay for this came from a house deeded to the Village. Wegmans will be partners on the actual implemented plan.

Cornell hybrid oaks and yellowwood tree for Harvester Park. The village has purchased 5 trees from Cornell. The Cornell project will track the trees for their lifetime. A flowering tree was ordered in the name of someone instrumental in setting up Harvester Park – Rick and Margay will mark where all the various trees (hybrid from Cornell) will be planted.

Final plans for Arbor Day – 10 a.m. at Monika Andrews park. Everyone needs to show up at 9:30 a.m..

- Tree orders done
- Locating planting sites will be done by Margay
- Notification to college crew. Margay reported that Chad Collins from the College at Brockport will bring his crew.
- Participating groups include volunteers from the college. Fourth graders are also coming! All trees planted are going to be crab apples.
- Water (Lori) Donut holes (Tim)
- Table (Lori)
- Music (Lori) Electric connection (Tim)
- Flyers to hand out.

Guest: Andy Hillman, Davey Resource Group: Citizen Pruning Workshops. Andy reported that Books on tree pruning are on back order. He can also provide us with other books in PDF format.

- Andy can offer us 3 workshops – two groups of 15 people each for small tree pruning, and one group for professionals – big tree pruning. Workshops will be about 3 hours in duration, two hours indoors and one outdoors.
- Workshops are free, funded by the Urban Forestry Grant.
• June 8 is the tentative date for the first workshop. Andy will set a date for a workshop with the DPW after consulting with them.
• Margay said that the citizen pruning groups should work with the DPW. The DPW will be able to purchase pruning tools wholesale.
• Andy will bring tools to demonstrate but not to sell, and will give us recommendations on what tools to purchase.
• Andy will help the Village work out a MOU (Memorandum Of Understanding) with NYSEG to determine what trees are to be pruned and to make sure that it is appropriately completed.
• Andy also suggested that we create Tree Campus USA with the College to partner with the Village.

Celebration Forest. Lori reported that everything for the fundraiser is ready. The ‘Singing for the Trees’ event will start at 3:00 at St Luke’s. The band ‘Dusty Roads’ is donating their time to play. She requested that those who volunteered should be present at 1:00 on May 4.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15.