

Tree Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

49 State Street, (Village Hall), Brockport, NY 14420

Present: Margay Blackman, Chris Collier, Rick Lair, Ed Lehman, Merrill Melnick, Jackie Morris.

Margay called the meeting to order at 7:05.

Minutes: Motion by Merrill, seconded by Jackie, to approve the minutes from the November 17th meeting. Unanimously accepted.

DPW and Tree Board: Today, Margay tried unsuccessfully to contact Paul Feeley. Discussion is warranted re: the roles of the DPW and the Tree Board in the Urban Forest Management Plan.

Urban Forestry Management Plan:

There was much discussion re: Andy's draft of the forestry plan.

Some of the photos/lithographs in the document were "floating" and Merrill suggested that they each be labelled and that some should be removed entirely. Margay will send Andy photos for her section on Brockport's urban forest history and possible photos for inclusion in the main article.

The "vision statements" were eliminated as it was thought that there was too much repetition with the goals, objectives and other areas.

Most dates were removed as these will be dealt with in the appendix.

Merrill suggested that we revamp the article and include clear and specific labels for the plan. Each of the six main categories (e.g. Forest Health, Forest protection etc.) would be identified by a roman numeral from I – VI and there would be a description/definition following each of the categories. The definitions would be followed by a Status/Challenge section with points listed as A.1, A.2, A.3, etc. These challenges should be realistic and current. This section would be followed

by Objectives B.1, B.2, etc. which should be specific, action statements to help us move in the direction of the listed objectives.

Following is an example using the first category:

I: Forest Health

definition: Forest health has been defined as

A. Challenges/State of Affairs:

A.1. Trees in poor condition.....

B. Objectives:

B.1. The village develops a

Margay will send an edited version of the plan to Andy.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 7 P.M.

Other: The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 P.M; motion by Margay, seconded by Merrill.

Post meeting:

Andy sent his original draft to Margay who forwarded it to the members, for their input.

Margay and Chris met on January 8th in order to edit Andy's original draft (given the changes and revisions suggested by the committee). Margay has since sent the revised draft, with questions and thoughts, to all members and to Andy.

Submitted by Chris Collier, Secretary