

Tree Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

49 State Street, Village Hall, Brockport N.Y., 14420

Present: Priya Banerjee, Margay Blackman, Melissa Brown, Chris Collier, Ginny Scime, Tony Scime.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from 1-17-2017 were approved with minor changes. Motion by Melissa; seconded by Chris.

Tree City Application: Melissa reported that the application for Tree City is in!

Department of Environmental Conservation (D.E.C.) Grants: The D.E.C. grants have arrived. Melissa and Margay were at the meeting for with the professional grant writers who will prepare the Tree Planting grant (due date: March 1). The planting grant has an educational section and it was thought that a citizen pruning grant could be included. Margay will call Chris, Andy Pleninger's partner, to see if he has the pruning manual and if he would assist in writing the Tree Planting grant.

While there appear to be many possible planting sites, for this grant we need to identify potential sites by address (including photographs) and identify the species that could be planted. While Melissa has done a tree inventory on Holley Street, she, Margay and, possibly, Ginny and Tony will take a closer look with regard to possible tree plantings.

Relatedly, the Tree Maintenance and Tree Management grants have been completed.

Inventory Software: Tony has given the 'tree data base' to his two interns so that they could assess its usefulness; to date, he hasn't received any feedback.

Arbor Day: Arbor Day festivities will be held on Friday, April 28th.

We will continue last year's planting on South Avenue Extension. At the February meeting, we will decide on the number of Washington Hawthorns and elm trees that should be planted.

Margay suggested we talk to the Lift Bridge Book Shop and the Seymour Library regarding the display of books about trees in and around Arbor Day. As well, we need to speak with Nikole Van Wie Arbor Day student volunteers. Melissa volunteered to speak to Nikole, the owners of the Lift Bridge Book Shop as well as the director of the Seymour Library.

The Arbor Day poster should be done by early April and then uploaded to our website with hard copies of the poster being distributed at that time.

Melissa will be here for Arbor Day but not for the April Tree Board meeting.

Education Outreach – Emerald Ash Borer (E.A.B.) education for residents: Due to time restrictions, it was decided that it was more realistic for us to put an EAB Education article in next year's grant.

Additional Business: Melissa has sent the Annual Arbor Day Proclamation with the Tree City Application.

The village/college weekend of service will include Arbor Day this year.

Melissa encouraged us to send her tree images as possible 'candidates to be featured on our annual tree poster.

Ginny suggested that tree donation cards in honor of deceased loved ones be placed in area funeral homes. A first step would be to meet with each funeral director.

Chris reported that in January, \$48.42 was collected from Jill's Antiques and Jimmy Z's.

Ideas were shared about our website. It was suggested that we include such topics as: photos of amazing trees in the village, tree trivia, EAB information, our tree management plan, the upcoming Arbor Day, and a 'tree walk'.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:56.

The next meeting of the Brockport Tree Board will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017.

Submitted by Chris Collier, secretary.