

Tree Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 16, 2017

49 State Street, Village Hall, Brockport

Present: Priya Banerjee, Margay Blackman, Melissa Brown, Chris Collier, Tim Kewin, Merrill Melnick, Ginny Scime, Tony Scime.

Approval of Minutes: Melissa made the motion to accept the minutes as modified. Seconded by all.

Arbor Day Review: Everyone agreed that the Arbor Day event, held on Friday, April 28, 2017, was a great success. Chris wrote a thank you note to Dunkin' Donuts and will write to Bill Heyen, Dave Mihalyov, Rick Lair, Seymour Library and the Lift Bridge book store. Melissa will thank Nikole.

History Club: The club donated \$25 to the Tree Board.

Rotary Club: Melissa will follow up on a possible donation from the Rotary Club.

Upcoming: Melissa has offered to be the Chair for the Tree Board for one more year.

Melissa will write a report on the Tree Board's activities for this year by the end of June.

Tony will speak to Dr. Mehruz Kamel about software to replace Urforian.

We may use Jim Zollweg's proposals on our website.

We are waiting to hear whether or not we received the grant that covers tree pruning workshops.

We discussed the poster contest for Low Bridge, High Water Canal Opening Festival; specifically, when each part (planning, creating posters, collection of posters, the selection of winners and the winners' announcements) was done during the school year.

There was discussion about having an Arbor Day poster contest, similar to the Low Bridge, High Water contest. It was suggested that, potentially, the Arbor Day contest involve middle and/or high school students, as elementary aged students take part in the Low Bridge, High Water contest. Among other reasons, this would make things more doable for the art teachers in the Brockport School district.

There was some discussion regarding EAB (emerald ash borer) education. It was suggested that we start to reach out to residents in September, potentially sending out photographs of emerald ash

trees and their leaves. Additionally, it was suggested that we contact regional foresters in order to find out how other municipalities are combating this problem.

The use of Jim Zollweg's GIS software was briefly discussed. We will continue this discussion in September.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2017; same place, same time!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 P.M. Happy summer!

Submitted by Chris Collier, Secretary.