

## Tree Board Minutes

127 Main Street, Brockport, N.Y.

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

**Present:** Mayor Margay Blackman, Chairperson Melissa Brown, Chris Collier, Tim Kewin, Merrill Melnick and guest Lori Staubitz.

**1. Approval of the Minutes:** Motion by Tim, seconded by Chris to approve the modified minutes from March 20, 2018.

**2. Celebration Forest (C.F.):** Lori reported that Doug Hickerson from the Suburban news will write a press release for C.F.

The Tree Board has purchased 30 "Little Nut" books for sale at future Celebration Forest fundraising.

Terry Collister (Chief Operating Officer for the Dept. of Public Works), Harry Donahue (Dept. of Public Works Superintendent) and Margay will meet at 2:30 tomorrow (Wednesday, April 18) to discuss Arbor Day and Celebration Forest equipment needs.

Lori will contact Woody from "Woody and Friends" to see if the singing group needs anything for their performance on Arbor Day/Celebration Forest event.

**3. Arbor Day:** Arbor Day this year will take place on Friday, April 17 from 10:00 until 12:00. It will be held in front of Allied Frozen Storage at 260 State Street. 10:00 until 12:00.

a) **Trees:** Eighteen Red Cedars have been ordered to plant in front of Allied Frozen Storage buildings. They cost \$195 each and after Margay spoke with the company, Allied agreed to pay one third of the cost. They will be planted ten feet apart and the Department of Public Works will prune them in the future. Happily, they are salt tolerant as they will be planted not far from the street.

b) **Dave Mihalyov:** The Chief Communications Officer from the college, Dave M. will be attending.

Buck Noble, a teacher at Fred Hill School, was contacted by Margay and he will be bringing some of his students.

Chad Collins, the Head Grounds Supervisor from the college will be bringing shovels and a crew to help with the tree planting.

- c) Program: Melissa reported that the program for Arbor Day will be completed shortly.
- d) Daily Eagle: The college's e-newsletter will publish the information on Arbor Day given to them from Melissa.
- e) Melissa and Donuts: Dunkin' Donuts has confirmed with Melissa that they will be donating donuts for Arbor Day. Chris will prepare a thank you poster for them to display on the day.
- f) Kathy and the Suburban News: Kathy's article on Arbor Day was printed in the paper last week. Doug Hickerson (from the newspaper) will write another article in this Sunday's paper.

**4. Wayne Co. Nursery and Reforestation:** Lori offered to contact a Wayne County nursery about their overstock. The nursery is willing to donate trees to interested parties. Lori mentioned that there is interest in planting six to eight fruit trees behind the Morgan Manning building. Maybe some could be donated from this nursery.

Lori is interested in involving Eagle Scouts (and any of the Tree Board members) in a reforestation project, possibly in North Hampton Park. She has a flatbed that could be used as a temporary nursery until donated trees are planted in their new homes.

**5. Additional Business:** Chris Conlee from the Arbor Pro tree management program was back in touch with Margay. He is interested in providing the board with a web demo about his program during the last week of April. It is hoped that Margay, Harry Donahue (DPW Superintendent), Melissa, Merrill and Carol McNees (Harry's secretary) could all watch it together at Village Hall.

It was suggested by Chris that members notify the Chair if they are unable to attend an upcoming meeting.

Margay will ask residents from the north side of the canal if they would attend the Arbor Day ceremony.

For Arbor Day, the following items will be brought:

Melissa – donuts and the Arbor Day flag

Tim – a chair in a bag and extension cords

Margay – water bottles for participants and a table

Merrill – folding chairs

Lori – a table and her whole presentation on Celebration Forest

Chris – thank you poster, duct tape, table cloth, large tree donation jar and chairs in a bag

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02.

Minutes submitted by Chris Collier, Secretary.

