

## **Tree Board Meeting, November 20, 2018**

Present: Margay, Priya, Kathy, Rick, Melissa, Cathy, Tim, Tony, Merrill, Lori.

### **MINUTES**

Approval of Minutes from October meeting. Minutes were approved.

Margay shared the Financial Statement June 2017-11-16-18: Cathy reported that she collected \$100 from the donation jars.

Margay reported that we received the very competitive Urban Forestry grant. The grant is over a 2 year period. The grant includes updating the webpage, Arbor Day planting (20 trees), two tree pruning workshops. We should plant National Grid approved crab apple trees, 7 Elm trees in Corbett Park, replace the Ash trees. Cornell University is growing oak trees, some of them could go to Corbett Park, we would have to pick them up from Ithaca. We could partner with another cillage to make the trip to pick them up. We should connect with Chad Collins about the oak trees from Cornell.

Margay suggested that we invite Andrew Hillman to come to a Tree Board meeting to discuss how to recruit for the pruning workshop. Pruning manuals will be included in the workshop. The workshop should be planned a few days before arbor day, one in the Spring and one in the Fall.

#### **Re-do of the Tree Board webpage**

Margay reported that some of the members of the TB should work with the IT folks who are going to update it. We should also look at our Facebook page. The webpage should include:

- Treasure hunt (find trees, could be a school exercise).
- Stories of the trees.
- Historic Brockport trees (photos).
- Photo Gallery of Arbor Day photos and other photos.
- Photo of Brockport's one and only Yellow wood tree in Remembrance Park.
- A Tree donation form should be on the webpage.
- A Tree Walk Brochure should also be on the webpage.

Margay would like us to review the webpage and prepare to discuss at the next TB meeting.

#### **Using GIS**

We should write a grant to fund the creation of a database/inventory of trees.

#### **Market Street trees**

The MRB engineering firm also has a landscape architect, Margay and Harry Donohue will meet with the firm to discuss choices and placement of trees etc..

Lori asked if someone would contact the Fire Department for permission to plant 4-6 Redbuds on their property. Margay said she would.

Lori will also check in with 'Re-forest Rochester' to get updates. She apprised the TB about the May 4 'Sing for the Trees' fundraiser. The venue for the fundraiser is St. Luke's. Doug Green's band will be donating their talent (singing). She will check with St. Luke's on the time. There will be a need for volunteers.

Businesses on Market St. could privately be asked to participate in Celebration Forest.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.