

(APPROVED 6/13/11)

May 2011 Tree Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 11, 2011

Seymour Library, 161 East Avenue, Brockport, NY

Attendance: M. Blackman, I. Blount, R. Lair, J. Morris, and H. Heyen

Correspondence: A thank you letter to the Tree Board from Ms. Patty Good of 131 Erie Street regarding the planting of a tree in front of her house was read.

Minutes: The April 12, 2011 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Arbor Day:

- Feedback: Many positive comments re: Arbor Day have been received. There was good media coverage in the *Suburban News*
- There are tree bags (20 bags @ \$20 from Northern Nurseries, Fairport, NY) on all the newly planted trees. The \$400 cost of the tree bags will be taken from the \$555 (11 trees eligible) for reimbursement from National Grid for trees planted on High Street
- The last week in May (5/2 – 5/28/11) will be Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week in NYS. The NYSDEC's EAB program is an awareness program re: the insect. Rick Lair ordered enough tags and purple ribbons (300) for use on the College campus and in the Village in Corbett Park. Linda Baker (DPW) has the Village locations of ash trees on a data base. Rick will contact Rosemary Caitlin (Brockport High School) and Buck Noble of the Brockport Central School District and ask if some students would participate in the distribution of tags/ribbons.

Bruce Cunningham, NYSDOT. If residents want trees removed or not planted, the state will stand firm with their plans of where trees will be planted on public property. They are responsible. Plans call for planting new trees in fall 2011. If not, they will be planted to coordinate with Arbor Day 2012.

Tee Shirt Sales & Tree Fund money (not final)

Tee Shirt costs:	\$216.00
Funds on hand:	195.00
Owe GBDC:	-21.00
Tee shirt orders placed, paid:	492.00
Tee shirt orders placed/unpaid:	96.00
Tee shirt order costs (approx)	-107.00
Donations:	<u>31.50</u>
Total:	\$591.50

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Tree Donation Jars

We discussed the placement of the tree donation jars in the community, when to put them in businesses, how long to leave them, and who would be responsible for checking and picking up the donations. It was suggested that a short letter accompany the jars stating the purpose/use of the funds collected.

Tree Ordinances:

Margay reported that portions of the tree ordinance changes in the Village code, including an increase to allow 10 members on the TB (currently 7), have not yet been reviewed by the Village attorney.

The next meeting will be on Monday, June 13, 2011 not on the usual 2nd Tuesday of the month.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Hanny Heyen, Secretary