

November 2012 Tree Board (TB) Meeting Minutes: Approved

Monday, 11/19/12

Seymour Library, 161 East Avenue, Brockport, NY

Attendance: I. Blount, K. Goetz, H. Heyen, R. Lair, J. Morris, M. Blackman, Village Board liaison, and guest Cheryl Blount

Minutes: J. Morris moved, Kathie Goetz seconded that the September 18, 2012 minutes be approved with the following correction re: Citizen Pruners: ...that the application for the DEC maintenance grant include the development of a citizen pruning program for qualified pruners who would then be appointed to that position. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Agenda topics:

PROPOSED OFFICE BUILDING SITE PLAN REVIEW: Scott Zarnstorff, Village Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector sent a letter to Ian re: plans to construct a building behind 22 N. Main Street in Brockport (just northeast of the Erie Canal, between the medical building and the Villager Apartments. On behalf of developer Jose Menendez, David Strabel, local architect, will be contacting Ian to set up a meeting with the Tree Board re: the building projects' plantings, trees (to complement the new Main St. trees), and other plant materials, as stipulated in Chapter 46 [Trees, Vegetation] of the Village codes. Note: The developer takes care of the plantings for one year, and after that, it is the responsibility of the owner.

SOUTH AVENUE PARK PROJECT: Preliminary plans are being studied by the Village's Parks Committee to erect playground equipment on the South Avenue Park. Hanny elaborated on the project and asked that Tree Board members evaluate the grounds and the potential removal of several walnut trees—one possible site location for the equipment. One tree's limb weighs on the copper beech tree. Most of the grass area would continue to be used by kids to play ball games, etc. Ian, Rick, and Hanny will visit the park.

FALL TREE PLANTING: Ian said the trees (3) European hornbeams & (2) American hornbeams arrived for planting last week. No date has been set to dig them in.

MAIN STREET TREES & NATIONAL GRID: Ian asked for some Tree Board members to walk w/him and authenticate the trees planted by NYSDOT during reconstruction of Main Street (**Hanny and/or Rick?**) The Village will get reimbursed \$50 by National Grid (totaling \$2,500) for every tree planted under the electric lines. These funds will be used as a match for the DEC grant application.

TREE FUNDS: Ian reported that the balance of the Tree Board Account is \$1,526.00, according to Dan Hendricks, the Village treasurer.

TREE CITY STATUS RENEWAL: Ian and Margay will get together the first week in December 2012 to re-apply for our annual re-certification of the National Arbor Day's designation of the Village of Brockport as a Tree City community. Renewal of budget expenditures, man hours worked, confirmation of the \$2 per capita expenditure, etc. must be stated.

MEMBERSHIP & MEETINGS: The Village Board approved up to (10) members who can serve on the TB. Chris Collier has submitted her application for membership. Ian will check w/ some current members as to their interest to serve. The TB decided to continue to meet every month except July and August, unless there is no business and the chair notifies members of a meeting cancellation.

On a motion by Jackie and a second by Hanny, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.
Hanny Heyen, Secretary

