

January 17, 2012 Tree Board Meeting Minutes

(UNAPPROVED)

Tuesday, January 17, 2012

Seymour Library, 161 East Avenue, Brockport, NY

Attendance: M. Blackman, K.Goetz, H. Heyen, R. Lair, and T. Longstreth; Guest: Norm Frisch

Minutes: The November 15, 2011 meeting minutes were approved as corrected

Handout(s): Tree Jar location sites, Arbor Day Tree Plantings on Barry Street doc

Discussion/Agenda topics:

- **Brockport Destinations Brochure, Norm Frisch.** Norm, who did the mock-up of the Helen Smagorinsky “Welcome to Brockport” mural on the west side of Main Street by the CSX railroad overpass in the Village, discussed the possibility of working with us to develop a tree/tree walks’ brochure. The brochure would be similar to others, such as: Sitting Pretty Benches (38 benches in the Village), Invitation to Art Walks, Churches & Ministries, Goat Trail Adventures, Fire Museum, Parks, Gardens and Playgrounds, Hiking (trail) maps, Museums without Walls, etc. The brochures are aimed for use by residents and visitors and are currently being reviewed for updates/changes. We will give input re: our tree/walk brochure to Norm, who will come up with a prototype with future intent to get a file/folder on the Village website before publication, other site placements, and funding. Labels for trees were suggested. Other areas for walks could include downtown and local cemeteries
 - The Brockport/Sweden Hiking Trail is to be dedicated in early June 2012
 - Rick Lair: There are three walking trails (red, yellow & green) on the College at Brockport campus. It would be good to collaborate with the Village, perhaps connecting our trails w/ theirs. Signage is needed
- **Tree Board Jars:** Jo Matela sent a list of site placements for tree donation jars. Other site location suggestions will make up the final list to be forwarded to Mary Pat Musselman, who is handling jar donations. Hanny moved, Kathy seconded that the amended list be approved. Carried unanimously
- **Tree Board Funds:** Currently, the balance in our account w/ GBDC is \$1,208
- **Suggested Arbor Day Tree Planting Plans:** (Arbor Day is Friday, April 27, 2012)
 - Total tree plantings from the NYSDEC grant, Year 1, 2012: (15). On Arbor Day, the Tree Board proposes to plant 12 trees in the Barry St. neighborhood, where there are 16 potential spaces. On the north side from Keable Court to Fayette (12 tree spaces, two species: (3) Japanese tree lilacs (9) serviceberries (two varieties) will be planted. All are under utility lines. Four spaces are not plantable (over large storm sewer).
 - In the Barry Street Park 3 trees will be planted: (1) Cornelian cherry dogwood in the northwest corner, and (2) London planes at each end of the sidewalk. Two locust trees were removed to accommodate the new parking area (north side) when the park was upgraded two years ago

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-The Barry Street plantings by address, number of trees, and species are listed below, as is the estimated cost for trees, tree gators, shipping, and mulch to be paid from the NYSDEC grant
 -Plantings are listed from east to west, beginning at the intersection of Keable Court and Barry Street and ending at the intersection of Barry and Fayette Streets. The Barry Street Park planting is listed at the bottom

<u>Address</u>	<u>Number trees</u>	<u>Species</u>	
73 Barry	2	<i>Amelanchier spp.</i>	Serviceberry
69 Barry	2	<i>Amelanchier spp.</i>	
39-31 Barry	1	<i>Syringia reticulata</i>	Japanese tree lilac
31 Barry	2	<i>Syringia reticulata</i>	
25 Barry	2	<i>Amelanchier spp.</i>	Serviceberry
11 Barry	1	<i>Amelanchier spp.</i>	
Barry side, corner of Barry/Fayette	2	<i>Amelanchier spp.</i>	
Barry Street Park, Northwest corner	1	<i>Cornus mas</i> (Golden glory)	Cornelian Cherry Dogwood
Barry Street Park Along sidewalk	2	<i>Platanus Acerfolia</i>	London plane

GRANT YEAR 1 (2012) ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

Serviceberry (<i>Amelanchier</i> , single tree form)	9@	180.00	\$1,620.00
Japanese Tree Lilac (<i>Syringa Reticulata</i>)	3@	156.00	468.00
Corneliancherry Dogwood (<i>Cornas Mas</i>)	1@	129.00	129.00
London Plane Tree (<i>Platanus Acerfolia</i>)	2@	140.00	280.00
SHIPPING of trees			200.00
Tree gators, 20 gal. 15 @ 20.90			313.50
Shipping			25.00
Mulch, 2 cubic yards @ 20 yard			40.00
TOTAL:			\$3,075.50

The Village will need to pay for the tree order up front and then get reimbursed by NYSDEC (grant funds)

- **Tree Bids** Bids for the (15) trees should go out in February. Rick will check various nurseries (including Northern Nursery), get the requisition forms from Harry Donahue, and discuss the possibility w/ him of “piggy-backing the college order w/ the Village’s to get a lower price.

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- **National Grid Reimbursement** The Village received the National Grid reimbursement of \$500 (enough to plant 3 trees) for the under-utility line plantings last year. The funds need to be spent by May 2012. Additional suggestion: plant tree(s) at the western side of Barry St. /Glendale Rd. / north side of Evelyn Drive

Pending Matters:

- Shared: Village Trustee Kent Blair suggested at a Village workshop that a re-dedication for the Barry Street Park be held-- now that the renovation is complete. The TB proposes to schedule it on Arbor Day
- Margay will get an update re: the revised tree codes (still in lawyer's hands)

Other:

- Ian will:
 - design the logo (again) for this year's Arbor Day event & tee shirt
 - review the Tree Board disk for narrative material for the tree brochure
 - talk with Village Manager Mike Giardino and Harry re: the bidding process (when three bids are necessary for a purchase)
 - check with Harry Donahue to ask if any tree requests have come in from residents
- Hanny will:
 - check with the Parks Committee re: potential text changes to Parks brochure.
 - discuss the lilac bush replacements in Corbett Park with the Parks Committee
 - talk w/Jo Matela (Tree Board and GBDC member) re: proposed fee for handling TB funds
- Jo will:
 - Distribute tree jars to places on the list that don't have one
- Rick suggested: Get a "plug" sample from the soil at the site of the two dead trees on Fayette Street and send to Cornell Extension. The trees have been replanted twice with no success.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Hanny Heyen, Secretary