

Tree Board Meeting September 18, 2012 Approved

Present: Ian Blount, Margay Blackman, Jackie Morris, Kathy Goetz

Minutes- Hanny Heyen is out of town and will be present the June minutes at our next meeting. The May minutes were presented for approval but we did not have a quorum. They were read and corrections will be made re: the DEC grant. Margay will clarify it. The words "Awareness Week will be the last week in May " will be added after EAB .

Tree Vandalism - two trees on Park Ave. near the corner of State St. were vandalized. The trunk was broken about 3/4 of the way up the young trees. The DPW has pruned them and there is hope that they will survive.

Fall Planting - \$3075 had been budgeted for trees, gators, mulch and shipping in the spring. We did not have to purchase gators or mulch. We spent \$2080 and have \$995 left. There is a possibility that we have \$1495 left if we did not purchase the Amur maakia trees. This will be checked. Four trees could be planted for the \$995 . Two (possibly hornbeams) of these would be for the tree lawn in front of the brick house at 299 Main St. and one for a nearby site.

Nov. is a good time to plant according to Harry Donahue at DPW.

Donation Jars - Mary Pat Musselman will continue to check these monthly. Margay suggested that Mary Pat bring her the money so that it can be added to our account with the GBDC for which there will be no fee. There is currently \$ 1208 in the account.

Donation to the Community Forest- forms are now available. Ian spent an afternoon with BCS teacher, Buck Noble, identifying trees on the Remembrance Row at the Hill School.

Citizen Pruners - the DEC has tree maintenance grants which could be used to teach pruning. Qualified people could then be appointed to become pruners of the new, young street trees. 206 trees have been planted since 2006 all of which could be pruned.

Special thanks will be sent to Carol Hannan for her \$200 (from an auctioned piece of art which she designated for the T.B.) donation to the Tree Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15. Todd Longstreth arrived as the members were departing so an impromptu summarization of the meeting was held in the parking lot.