

Tree Board Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Tuesday, February 18, 2014
49 State Street (Village Hall), Brockport, NY 14420

Attendance: Ian Blount, Chairman; Margay Blackman, Cheryl Blount, Sandy Cain, Chris Collier, Rick Lair, Jackie Morris, Tom Nelson, and Keith Marshall, DPW representative

Ian called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes: Motion by Cheryl, seconded by Jackie to accept the January 2014 minutes as presented; passed unanimously.

Donation Jars Report/Treasury Report: Chris reported that \$58.25 was collected and will be deposited for February.

Jackie still has not been able to get in contact with Dan Hendricks so she was unable to give a treasury report. She will continue her efforts to get the information from him, hopefully by the time of the next meeting.

Discussion: Agenda Topics

Arbor Day Details:

Due to the tree inventory not yet completed, Ian said that we need to decide on our own which trees to plant for Arbor Day and this needs to be decided by the next meeting so we can call places for quotes on prices of the trees. Ian will check on how many streets are missing trees, possibly Adams and Fair Streets? There is \$930.87 in the budget for trees. Need to check with Harry on where the two trees were planted. Need to get the aerial map of where they are. We planted 17 trees last year, 15 on Clark Street.

Tee-Shirts: By next meeting Ian will have gotten together with Wendy with the shirt design and the purchase order set up. There are 32 shirts initially ordered to have to sell for Arbor Day itself. Margay suggests we need to have more L and XL sizes available. Chris volunteered to sell t-shirts.

Press Releases/Flyers: Ian will e-mail the flyers to members and they can forward them along to others who might be interested. Ian will arrange for the press releases. Margay will get to Ian the number of students to help with the planting on Arbor Day and to contact college for service donors/volunteers.

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Public Interaction:

A gentleman from downstate gave his opinion and encouraged support to protest the Holley Squirrel Slam.

South Avenue and Corbett Park Playground and Site Furnishings:

Pam Ketchum had sent an e-mail to Tree Board committee members about discount prices for playground equipment. The committee acknowledged her note. The Tree Board, however, would have no responsibility for equipment approval and purchase. That falls under the Parks Committee.

Submission for National Grid Reimbursement from 2013 Plantings:

Ian will be submitting this form in March. We get back \$50 for every appropriate tree planted below utility lines in 2013.

EAB Education Grant Program: Acknowledgement regarding a program available by the International Society of Arboriculture and the Tree Care Industry Association that helps educate communities as well as offers aid in the eradication of EAB as potential future endeavors against EAB was briefly discussed.

Other:

- A tree needs to be planted to replace the one that was run down on Spring Street.
- A potential replacement for Utica/Adams Street where a Norway Maple was blown over during a wind storm last autumn as well.

Adjournment:

Moved by Cheryl and seconded by Kathy, passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Cheryl Blount, Secretary

Next meeting date: Tuesday, April 15, 2014