

Tree Board Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Tuesday, September 17, 2013
49 State Street (Village Hall), Brockport, NY 14420

Attendance: I. Blount, H. Heyen, M. Blackman, Mayor & Village Board liaison, new members Chris Collier, Sandy Cain, Tom Nelson, and Keith Marshall, DPW representative

Minutes: A quorum was not present for approval of the July 16, 2013. Ian will check with the members who were in attendance on 7/16/13 by email and phone.

New Tree Board Members: Ian welcomed and introduced the new members of the Tree Board, recently approved by the Village Board. Some biographical information was shared. The Tree Board now has a full membership roster. Margay will contact Jo Matela re: her membership and absences. The Tree Board's activities, events, National Grid's tree planting reimbursement for the "10,000 Trees and Growing!" program, the 2011 Village Master Tree List compiled by Ian Blount (at the Village Hall) and the Village website: www.brockportny.org for the Tree Board link were discussed with the new board members.

Discussion: Agenda Topics

SECRETARY:

Hanny Heyen has resigned (with regret) from her duties as secretary of the Tree Board. She will remain a member and will write articles as needed. Cheryl Blount has volunteered to be the secretary beginning in October

TREE DONATION JARS:

- Margay Blackman and Hanny Heyen canvassed 22 greater Brockport businesses to check the status of donations in the tree jars; each merchant was given a Village of Brockport authorization letter of those approved to collect funds from the jars; ID can be requested by each owner
- New TB members, Chris Collier and Sandy Cain offered to handle the collections from now on: counting, wrapping, and submitting the funds to Leslie Morelli, Clerk, Village Hall for deposit into the Tree Board Account designated for the purchase of trees. FYI: A tree costs: \$150 - \$250
- They will:
 - determine how often collections are made and at which businesses
 - review site as to activity and effectiveness—removal or new placement
 - retain a spread sheet for contribution amounts (businesses)
 - report on findings

UPDATE: NYS DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION:

- The trees planted in spring 2012 as part of the Main Street reconstruction project need to be inspected

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- The Village tree database needs to be re-inventoried (last done in 2006)—the coding evaluates the trees' health that determines work orders for cutting, pruning, and replacing, and lists actual numbers, etc
- The 2014 announcement of the New York States Department of Environmental Conservation's (NYSDEC) 2014 their cost-shared Urban Forestry Grants (Round 120)—is not yet announced. Margay has written (2) successful grants and we have discussed a citizens' pruning grant proposal for this next round

TREE VANDALISM, VILLAGE OF BROCKPORT:

- A ginkgo tree on Main Street (by small plaza just on the northwest side north of the railroad overpass, and another tree in front of Dollar General on North Main Street have been vandalized
- Ian will get in touch with Bruce Cunningham, NYSDEC, re: the responsibility of replacing damaged trees planted during the reconstruction of Main St., a state project.

OTHER:

- **Copper Tree-South Avenue Park:** John Streb, DPW laborer, recommended the majestic copper beech in the South Avenue Park appears to be stressed and should be checked
- **Walnut Trees-South Avenue Park:** Ian will check with Harry Donahue as to the status of getting the walnut trees on the western border of the park cut down. The recommendation came from the Parks Committee and the Tree Board
- **Fall Tree Planting** Ian will check with Harry Donahue re: any fall tree orders
- **Clark Street tree:** One of the trees planted on Arbor Day 2013 on Clark Street has died
- **Tree Request:** Dean Westcott, 25 Glendale Road has requested a tree...fall or spring planting?
- **Lilacs for Mothers Day:** Chris suggested the availability order forms for lilac purchases highlighting 2014 Mothers Day

Moved by Hanny and seconded by Chris, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Hanny Heyen, Secretary