

2012 (March) Tree Board Meeting Minutes (Approved 4/17/12)

Tuesday, March 20, 2012
Seymour Library, 161 East Avenue, Brockport, NY

Attendance: I. Blount, M. Blackman, H. Heyen, R. Lair, J. Morris, T. Longstreth,
& L. VanDervort

Discussion/Agenda topics:

- **Arbor Day, April 27, 2012, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Barry Street Park.** Tasks to do the first week in April: Get poster ready; Email information to *Daily Eagle* (College at Brockport) and *Suburban News*; Invite BSCD classes (Rosemary Catlin & Buck Noble); and BSG college clubs; Prepare letter to Barry St. homeowners re: planting on street and in Barry St. Park; Get student volunteers (Margay); Check w/ Harry Donahue regarding distance of plane tree planting near sidewalk in Barry St. Park
- **Tree Orders/Gators.** Orders should be made by March 8, 2012
-Rick Lair talked with Mike Giordino, Village Manager, regarding the tree order forms and bids for prices. The three nurseries that could bid on our tree order are: The Garden Factory (Town of Gates), Bristol Gardens, Victor, NY, and Northern Nurseries (Fairport). Linda Baker (DPW) will get three quotes. She will order the trees first and then use the remaining funds for (15) tree gators (\$313.50 plus \$25 shipping) if that cost is within this year's NYSDEC grant of \$3,006.50. Otherwise, less will be ordered.
-National Grid's re-imbursement of \$500 from planting (10) low species trees needs to be spent by May 2012. Recommendation: (2) Maackia trees @ \$197.50 each
- **Arbor Day Tee Shirts.** Ian showed us his sketch of the proposed tee shirt designs for Arbor Day 2012. The members made a choice and he will order the tee shirts from Ultimate Sports & Apparel (Brockport)
- **Tree Board Memberships.** We discussed the need for more members (still waiting for a public hearing on codes that include an increase of members to 10), and talked about attendance of members and how to handle. Hanny Heyen mentioned that there is a Village Board resolution re: Selection Process of Members to Board and Committees that refers to this issue and would be helpful
- **Emerald Ash Borer (AEB).**
-Luke VanDervort shared that there would be a stronger voice if communities banded together to deal with the spread and treatment of the AEB pest. The closest and most recent AEB sightings have been in Rush Henrietta and Scottsville
-Community education is paramount. For example, in Monroe County, wood is not to be transported to other counties; NYSDEC has a 50-mile limit on moving wood; and there are grants available for education re: treatment of EAB

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-Luke is willing to work on our website to include education/plans/mitigation re: EAB for the public

-The next EAB Task Force meeting is Wednesday, April 18, 2012

-FYI: The College at Brockport has treated ½ of their healthiest ash trees on campus. This procedure needs to be done every two years to be effective

-Linda Baker (DPW) has a hard copy of the Village's tree inventory. An updated inventory is needed for an accurate ash tree count. Last spring, the ash trees in the Village were tagged.

- **Main Street Reconstruction/Tree Plantings.** The new trees are scheduled to be planted this spring. Confirmation is needed from Bruce Cunningham, NYSDOT, for more specifics.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Hanny Heyen, Secretary