

## **Tree Board (TB) Meeting Minutes (Approved)**

October 18, 2011

Seymour Library, 161 East Avenue, Brockport, NY

**Attendance:** I. Blount, K. Goetz, H. Heyen, R. Lair, J. Matela, J. Morris, L. Vanderwort, and Margay Blackman, Village trustee and liaison to the Tree Board

**Handout(s):** Meeting Agenda, 2011-2012 Tree Board timeline calendar

**Minutes:** The September 20, 2011 meeting minutes were approved as amended

### **Status of Village Code Change, Tree Board Membership:**

M. Blackman reported that she spoke with Mayor Castaneda re: code changes, including the Tree Board's membership, that need the Village attorney's review. The mayor has urged the attorney to move on the code changes so a date can be set for a public hearing on them. There is an interested individual with horticulture/landscaping background who wants to join the TB

**Village Tree Inventory:** Todd Longstreth's report will be given at the next TB meeting

### **Tree Board Timeline Calendar:**

- For Nov. /Dec.: Identification of tree planting areas: Barry St. in 2012; Clark St. in 2013 (both funded from our 2-yr. NYSDEC grant). In addition, the \$500 National Grid reimbursement can go towards community requests. Three bids are mandatory for any tree purchases over \$500
- Add: First week in November: Tree City Re-Certification contracts must be signed and returned by November 15, 2011 to Debra Gorka, Forester, NYSDEC. Margay will follow-up

### **Tree Board Account**

- Currently, the GBDC is the repository for our funds raised by the Tree Board and not under the Village's budget line for shade trees. H. Heyen checked with the Town of Greece (Forestry budget is under their Highway Department). More details at next meeting.
- Medina, who also has Tree City status, has \$9,000 for shade trees in their capital account of their Village budget. The Village holds a trust fund for the Municipal Tree Board (MTB) that is handled by the clerk/treasurer, Peg Crowley. Contributions and expenditures are deposited/withdrawn from the Bank of Castile, and are for the MTB's use only. Another Tree Board member, Marsha Winters, is in charge of Memorial Trees, also handled separately and held in the trust fund

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- The Tree Board officers plan to meet with the new Village Manager, Mike Giordino re: the Tree Fund Account in November. TB Chair, I. Blount will email date options to us before making an appointment.

**Western Finger Lakes (WFL) ReLeaf Meeting:** Let Ian know if you plan to attend the ReLeaf meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in Avon, NY. ReLeaf is a project of the Urban Forestry Program within the Division of Lands and Forestry, NYSDEC. ReLeaf is a state-wide effort that brings people, forestry professionals and dedicated volunteers together to share information about trees and ways to improve their future

**Save an Ash Tree Project:** The members discussed treatment applications against the Emerald Ash Borer infestations (Information: Coalition for the Urban Ash Tree/EAB Management). R. Lair, Director, Facilities Management at The College at Brockport, stated the College has the equipment (the Village could use) and has treated ash trees on campus. In the Village, there are 53 ash trees in Corbett Park (one treatment would cost \$2,700), and about 28 trees in the Village. Funds would need to be raised. The triage remedial system needs to be done every two years to have any effect. Green ash trees are more susceptible than white ones. Removing trees and replacing them is costly too. Perhaps some other species of new trees should be planted now near ash trees in case ash trees become diseased. NYS has cut down on movement of firewood with fines from outside the state. The issue of whether to implement a treatment program was not resolved.

**Tree Walk:** We discussed adding an audio CD along with the tree walk information housed at the Welcome Center. The Tree Walk text needs to be updated and reviewed annually. K. Goetz will check with Buck Noble at the Hill School to inquire if his class would create and APP (can use cell phone to call for information).

**Other:**

- Note: A very large tree was taken down at the corners of Adams and Chappell Streets
- J. Matela said that on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 11:00 o'clock there would be a ribbon cutting to celebrate the completion of the new roundabout (corners of East and West Avenues/Rte. 19).
- A short discussion ensued regarding tree plantings along the Main Street reconstruction route (now slated for spring 2012), and if there will be any, in the circle of the roundabout
- J. Matela will check on the Tree donation jars & placement. She will send me a list of active sites.
- **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at the Seymour Library.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Hanny Heyen, Secretary

