

**Tree Board Meeting Minutes 1/11/11**  
**Tuesday, January 11, 2011, 7:00pm**  
**Seymour Library, 161 East Avenue, Brockport , NY**

**APPROVED**

**Attendance:** M. Blackman, I. Blount, T. Longstreth, J. Matela, J. Morriss

**Handouts:** Draft of DEC tree planting grant with photos and budget, Tree Ordinance proposed changes, November 2010 unapproved minutes

**Minutes:** The November 9, 2010 minutes were approved unanimously

1. *State of NY road signage.* Todd presented information regarding visibility of signs which relate to tree planting request by Bernie Lobracco on the corner of Adams and Erie Streets. Concern is about the visibility of the stop sign at the corner of Adams and Utica if a tree were to be planted in the tree lawn on Adams Street
2. *Tree Grant Application for Arbor Days 2012 and 2013,* a matching grant for \$5902 was discussed. The grant covers two Arbor Day plantings, one on Barry Street and the Barry Street Park; the other on Clark Street, 32 trees in all.
  - a. Tree species and planting locations were selected on a walk-through by Ian, Rick, and Margay. One stretch of Barry Street with 4 proposed trees could not be planted because of a storm sewer, so two additional trees were added to Barry St. Park
  - b. Margay has asked a few residents of these neighborhoods to write letters to accompany the grant application showing community support. Todd, as a resident of Clark Street, agreed to write a letter.
  - c. The selection of Fringetrees for a segment of Clark Street was questioned by Harry Donahue at a 1/11/11 morning meeting. Were they suitable for this climate (they are a southern tree), and they seem to have a very wide spread and be multistemmed. Ian confirmed that they have been planted in the Rochester area as a Street tree (on Big Ridge Road) and that there are single stem varieties available. Margay noted that one website for them indicates their range as zones 3-9 and that multistemmed Fringetrees can be pruned to be single stem.
  - d. The grant will be presented to the village board at the January 26, 2011 meeting for a resolution of approval.
3. *Update on tree fund Donations.* We deposited \$276 on December 17<sup>th</sup> to our GBDC tree fund. Margay sent letters to a few people in December who had expressed a desire to donate to the tree fund. Three of them sent checks and the remainder was from donation jars in village businesses, most notable \$73.00 from Sara's Garden Center.
  - a. Current fund total: \$2424.00 (this does not include the \$600 in gift certificates from Sara's)

- b. Currently three college groups are raising funds for tree planting: the Dance Department, the Recreation Club, and Delta Sigma Fraternity. Margay has sent notices to two other group advisors, the Anthropology Club and ECOS.
- c. In addition, Richard Hart, photographer, has an upcoming exhibit at A Different Path Art Gallery on Market Street and is donating a large framed print for a silent auction with the money to go to the Tree Fund. Tree Board members were encouraged to attend the reception this Friday evening at the gallery.

4. *Arbor Day 2011*

- a. We need to schedule a time to do a walk through of College and Utica Streets to discuss plantings. Margay suggested between February 23 and March 1.
- b. According to Harry Donahue, the village has no funds to purchase tree gators for watering this year's tree plantings. We will need 24 (they cost \$20.90 apiece from Northern nurseries), and the funds can come out of the National Grid reimbursement of \$555.00 that we expect to receive.
- c. Tree request: Ian mentioned that Sally Hale, on Spring Street who had requested a tree for this spring, would like an accolade cherry.

4. *Ian's Master tree list*

- a. Margay worked on some edits on the introduction but it was not ready to distribute at the meeting.
- b. Margay e-mailed the City of Hamilton Ontario to find out how they put their tree planting list on their website. The city manager forwarded the request to their forester, but s/he has not replied. Margay will get in touch with the village webmaster, show him the Hamilton site, and ask if it is possible to do something similar.

5. *Tree Ordinance (Village Code, Chapter 46) amendments*

- a. Printed copies were handed out and Margay agreed to e-mail the copies so that the color coded edits could be more easily read. The increase in the size of the tree board to 10 has been included and also a statement permitting setback planting.

6. *March Meeting will be changed to Tuesday, March 15, same time, as Margay will be out of town the second Tuesday in the month.*

**Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm**