

Tree Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 8, 2011, 7:00pm
Seymour Library, 161 East Avenue, Brockport , NY

UNAPPROVED

Attendance: M. Blackman, I. Blount, Kathy Goetz, Rick Lair, J. Morris, Mary Pat Musselman

Handouts: Final DEC tree planting grant, Agenda, Unapproved minutes from January Meeting

Minutes: The January 11, 2011 minutes were approved unanimously.

1. **DEC grant**—was unanimously approved by the Village Board on Jan 31st, mailed out on Friday Feb 4th. Received notice that page 2 had been left out. Leslie faxed it on 2/8.
2. **Review of revised Master Tree List (MTL)**—reviewed and edited during the meeting. Margay will make changes. Ian will be adding a few oak trees. Mary Pat suggested adding a note about the beech tree on the cover. Margay will do so in an added title page. Suggested that we get MTL completed and available by Arbor Day. A hard copy with color cover will go in village hall and a pdf version will be on our website.
3. **Possible addition to website**—Waylen Bray, the village webmaster said Hamilton, Ontario's online Street tree planting list of trees currently being planted (<http://www.hamilton.ca/CityDepartments/PublicWorks/Parks/Forestry/StreetTreePlantingProgram/tree-library.htm>) was more complicated and time consuming than what he does for the village. He suggested putting it in pdf form. Rick, however, noted that BOCES students need to do 2 weeks of volunteer service and that they had approached Facilities and planning and they had worked for them. Some of these students might be able and willing to undertake the task. He will give Margay the contact number.
4. **Arbor Day**
 - a. Date for walking the site and selection of tree species to plant—Feb 22, 1:30 pm meet at corner of College and Utica. MB will Get in touch with Kathleen Reagan re that date so she can meet with us to select tree for Sandy Cain.
 - b. Update on budget and outstanding pledges—we deposited an additional \$240 last week to our account, bringing the total to \$2664.40 (not counting the \$600 of certificates from Sara's.). Outstanding pledges: Dance dept owes \$105 for tree for Sandy Cain; they have collected money from students and will turn the balance over before March 15. ECOS will donate \$200 to plant a tree and Delta Sigma will collect \$200 for same. Have not received an e-mail response back from Recreation club which expressed interest. Advisor to Anthropology club will suggest fund raising.
 - c. We will have to order tree gaitors for this year's trees. Suggest that funds come out of National Grid reimbursement. MB e-mailed Brian Skinner re same. They will check our trees for reimbursement after they have leafed out. But Nat'l grid reimbursement monies have been earmarked for tree board use.

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- d. Involvement of BCS in fundraising?—Mary Pat will get in touch with Chris, the groundskeeper for the BCS system to find out if there are any places he wants trees, then we can approach classes/groups about fundraising. Margay will ask Rosemary Caitlin about involving her students.
 - e. Downtown donation jars. Thought was to leave them in the places that do well. The organic store is opening Wednesday 2/9. Would be a good place to put one. Margay will do so. Ian turned over funds from Dr. Raff's office. Raff has agreed to match whatever funds are contributed. There was \$12.87 this time; \$4.00 at previous pickup.
 - f. Historical information on the tree planting site 175 years ago—Jackie will look into
 - g. Sugar maple taken down in front of Hartwell. Plan is to do something with a slice of it. It has somewhere between 170-180 rings (would be nice, Rick noted, if there were 175 rings in coordination with the college's birthday). The slab will be displayed outside Hartwell and the plan is to have some sort of presentation of it on Arbor Day.
5. **Status of tree ordinance revisions**—nothing to report
6. **Emerald Ash Borer**— Rick noted that the college has received all kinds of inquiries about application and costs because they purchased the arborjet system. Cost of having an outside contractor administer the chemical is \$16 per inch diameter of tree.

March's meeting will be on Tuesday the 15th, not the 8th as Margay will be out of town.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm