

Tree Board Meeting Minutes (Approved)

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

Attendance: Ian Blount, Chairman; Cheryl Blount, Chris Collier, Sandy Cain, Hannelore Heyen, Rick Lair, Jackie Morris, Tom Nelson, and Keith Marshall, DPW representative

Minutes: Motion by Ian, seconded by Jackie to accept the July 2013 minutes as corrected; passed unanimously. Motion by Ian, seconded by Chris to accept the October 2013 minutes as corrected; passed unanimously.

Donation Jars Report: Chris reported that collections were made and a deposit made in the amount of \$105.10 on November 6, 2013 and another deposit in the amount of \$106.75 on December 11, 2013 was made. Donations collected from Sara's Garden Center in the amount of \$25.45 have not yet been deposited. Sandy reported that she created thank you letters to donors that reflect acknowledgement and gratitude of the entire Village Tree Board, and that these letters were typed by Leslie in the Village Office on Village stationery. Chris and Sandy offered to draft a letter that could go out to the editors of local newspapers that would be a communication of annual total monies donated for trees from the various donors throughout the year. This could be printed in February of each year and may encourage new donors for Arbor Day.

Discussion: Agenda Topics

Reinventory of Trees Update:

Tom and Harry would like to go out with Andy Pleninger when he does the reinventory. Ian reported that the project has taken Andy longer than expected due to some complications and that Andy has apologized for the delay. Ian will be contacting him again to see where he is at in the study.

Fall Tree Order Update:

- Ian reported that the trees are in and planted by the DPW. All were in before any freeze.
- Question was raised and answered by Ian that the tree grant was submitted for the South Avenue extension.
- All \$6,000 has been used from the DEC grant that was submitted back in 2011 to help with the proposed tree plantings for Barry and Clark Streets over the last two year planting periods. .
- Jackie said she will check with Dan Hendricks about any budget monies that may still be available and in the Shade Tree budget.

Arbor Day Prospective Planting Sites:

- It was discussed and agreed that we need to wait till after Andy finishes the reinventory of trees before deciding where to plant new trees and which varieties. Ian said it would

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- be more manageable to have less trees to plant this spring. Also reported was that the Tree Management Grant has been submitted.

Tree City Status Reapplication:

- Ian reported that the Tree City USA application, which must be done annually, is currently in progress and that he has to contact Linda at the DPW for additional information she has on how many trees were pruned/removed last year that must be recorded in the application.

OTHER:

- Keith said that Harry at the DPW met with the surveyor at Winston Woods and questioned whose property is the walnut tree on?
- Tom mentioned he knows of a tree cutter (in Hamlin?) who might be able to cut the tree wood into planks.
- Ian will ask Andy where he is on the web based map. Are we able to view that yet?
- Ian suggested we revisit updating the website at the next meeting. Discussion that followed suggested that the Tree Board info update include adding new members and dates of all members' service; also perhaps list trees donated in memory or honor of local citizens. Also possible info to be added: photos of past and present trees in the village; list of all grants received; forms relating to donation or desire to be a committee member; updated list of donors; Tree Walking Tours; links to other sites. Cheryl offered to contact Deb Moyer at BOCES/Brockport CSD about redesign of the website.
- Suggested that Ian give Andy Pleninger Harry Donahue's contact information.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, January 21, 2014

Adjournment:

Moved by Hanny and seconded by Cheryl, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Cheryl Blount, Secretary