

Tree Board Meeting, January 15 2019

Present: Margay, Priya, Rick, Melissa, Cathy, Tim.

MINUTES

Approval of minutes from the November meeting. Priya will bring typed minutes to the February meeting for approval.

Update on finances

Cathy reported that she collected \$55 from donation jars for December and January.
Margay received another check for \$100 from Pat Kutz to go towards Celebration Forest.

All checks should be made to the Village of Brockport, should have the date, donation amount and what it is for, clearly stated on them to make it easy for it to be processed.

Tree City Application has been completed

Trees removed 14
Trees pruned 27
Trees planted 20

Total spent on trees – removals, pruning, planting, stump grinding, brush and leaf pick up, volunteer time = \$58,000. In order to maintain Tree City status, at least \$2.00 per person has to be spent. We have to move forward (act) upon Grant awarded. We should also explore the NYS grant on preventing invasive tree species.

Website redesign

This should be added to the agenda for discussion at the February meeting. We should each visit the website first to determine what we would like to keep and/or remove. The website should include a Tree Donation fillable-form.

GIS map of trees: <https://www.fastcompany.com/90290327/these-maps-show-you-every-tree-in-your-city> It is now possible to use aerial imagery or satellite imagery to map a city's tree canopy in hours versus days. Norm Fisch sent the link to Margay.

Tree Walk Brochure

Rick Lair said he would be interested in organizing a Tree Walk. Margay suggested that the **Tree Walk should include Brockport's Yellow Wood tree.**

Pruning workshops

Margay will follow up and get more information about tree pruning workshops
Melissa will contact Andrew Hillman for Tree Climbing for Arbor day.

Market Street trees

Margay shared the suggested plans for trees on Market Street created by the MRB landscape engineering firm. The cost is prohibitive - \$8200. The cost for consultation was \$1000 (?). Six trees on Market street will be removed.

Thoughts on Arbor Day

Margay talked with Harry Donohue.

The grant includes 27 trees, and planting of them should be divided over two Arbor Days.

15 crabapples South Side of Holley St. should be planted this year.

5 London Plane Trees north side of Holley St, 7 Elms in Corbett Park should be planted next year (2020).

Miscellaneous

Rick Lair connected with Chad Collins to organize a trip to Cornell.

Northern Nursery replaced dead trees that were planted last year on Arbor Day.