

Tree Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 21, 2017

49 State Street, Village Hall, Brockport, NY 14420

Present: Priya Banerjee, Margay Blackman, Melissa Brown, Kathy Goetz, Ginny Scime, Tony Scime and Tim Kewin.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08.

Approval of minutes: The minutes from 1- 17 - 2017 were approved with no changes. Motion by Margay Blackman, seconded by Melissa.

DEC grants: (Margay) We are applying for an Urban Forestry Grant that will require matching volunteer hours. This grant includes an educational component which will consist of classes for village residents, as well as, for the DPW. Chris Luley, Andy Pleninger's former partner, will do the two workshops for the villagers and one for the DPW.

Tree planting: Melissa, Margay, and Harry Donahue walked Holley Street and determined that crab apples could be planted on the south side under the utility lines and London Plane on the north. Chis Luley will sign off as the landscape architect.

It was decided to do more plantings in Corbett Park. Elms resistant to Dutch Elm disease will be used.

Web-site development: Internal pages can be added. Ian Blount had thought of creating an urban forest/ village arboretum on-line. Richard Black will do the photography for it. Norm Frisch will do a tri-fold on a tree walk - 500 copies.

Letter of support: Margay, Tim Kewin and Heidi MacPherson are in support of the grant . All letters of support should be sent in to the grant writer by the end of the week. Pam Ketchum is in support of the DEC planting grant that includes an educational section which would be a pruning grant. That support also should be sent to the grant writer by the end of next week.

Inventory Software : Tony noted that the reports he is getting from the students, Simih Capar and Nicholas Giruzzi, are going very well. They have an ERD (Entity Relation Diagram) drawn up on the project. This is a web based program. The question is - who owns the data. It is really a training problem - no one knows what happens to it and where it goes, if the web goes out of business!! There is an IT for developing class. Dr Kamal may be able to help us develop that next year. GIS expert, Jim Zolleweg, has said that there are co-ordinate systems to ID where all the trees are.

Arbor Day: April 28: Discussed the possibility of getting students to do art work for Arbor Day next year. We should begin planning that this year. Lori Staubitz, a visitor, suggested selling small trees for backyard habitat. She also asked about planting trees along the canal - something we could think about in the future.

It was suggested that we talk to the Seymour Library Director Carl Gouveia about involving the library in Arbor Day, especially for displays and book lists. Kathy volunteered to talk to him.

Other business: There is an Eagle Scout Project Proposal for volunteers. Typically, we also draw volunteers from the community, the 4 & 5th grades at BCSD, and the college.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.