

## **Tree Board Minutes 9/17/19**

Present: Cathy A., Priya, Margay, Merrill, Melissa, Tony & Lori.

### **Welcome back!**

Cathy reported that she has collected \$126 from the donation jars over June, July & August.

### ***Pruning workshop—Saturday September 28.***

Two workshops, two hours each are planned. One will be indoor, 49<sup>th</sup> St. Village Court at 10:00 a.m.. Second hour will be outdoors, pruning. Pruning manuals will be distributed. The Parks Committee has been informed. Please let Margay know if anyone is interested in participating.

***DEC Urban Forestry grants will be accepting applications soon. Proposed: GIS based re-inventory of our trees and database. Village Board is meeting with MRB, our engineers, 9/23 to discuss various GIS mapping projects, including this one.***

The trees in Brockport need to be inventoried, it was first done in 2014. Margay will see if we can purchase a GIS system through the grant. The grant is due in December. Margay will check back with the Tree Board after meeting with MRB- Tony may go with Margay to the meeting with MRB.

### ***To be completed with our current urban forestry grant***

#### ***Tree Board website—what should be on it?***

Members are requested to review the Tree Board website and report at the next meeting.

#### ***Tree walk brochure—ideas??***

The Tree-walk brochure could be placed on the Tree Board website.

### ***Tree planting: replanting at Allied in the spring (arbor vitae)***

Eastern Red Cedars do not transplant well, 13 of the 19 trees are dead. We should be re-plant in the Spring – DPW will do that.

### ***(Maybe) Update on Canal Corp's plans for privacy plantings at toe of canal, etc.***

No update. Margay's been in touch with their architect.

### ***Vacancies on the Tree Board—suggestions?***

Melissa said she will scare up some people (she didn't actually say "scare" but I put it in, in the spirit of the upcoming spooky season).

### ***National Grid pruning and other tree takedowns***

Nothing new.

### ***Other?***

*Lori Staubitz reported the following about Celebration Forest*

- The Morgan Manning house has planted 6-8 fruit trees in its orchard. We need to connect local residents to that.
- The "She Sings" music group will dedicate donations to tree planting.
- Celebration Forest now has funds and we need to go ahead and begin tree planting. In particular the Women's History Group, Brockport Smiles and private persons (viz. Tom Bojack) have donated money to go toward tree planting, they are hoping will happen this Fall. Margay suggested that there should be street trees – there are about 700 spots available. Lori reported that there might be about \$3000 for trees in the Celebration Forest fund. Margay will check with Harry Donahue to see if this can be done this Fall.
- The "Little Nut" books will be placed in Sara's Garden Store to enhance our fund collection.

- Merrill asked if we could also have a presence at the Farmer's Market.
- And in the future we could consider the Peddler's Market for a table to sell the book.

*Margay reported on the status of Market St.*

- Four trees have to be removed. Sue Steele our landscape artist has come up with a plan, Margay will share that with us at the next meeting.
- A public meeting has been planned in November to discuss the plan for Market St.
- No trees should be planted near any buildings, but in planters like on Main St.
- Four trees should go on the South Side of Market St.
- Celebration Forest funds could be used for ornamental reds near the Firehouse.
- Pollinator gardens in area where it is paved in front of Fazool's should be considered and porous paving so that rain water doesn't saturate but trickles through.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30.