

Tree Board Meeting 1/21/20

Present: Cathy, Margay, Melissa, Lori, Rick, Tony, Bobby

Approval of minutes from December meeting—no quorum, to be done next meeting

Finances

Tree donation jars—Cathy (collected every two months, report next month). Suggestion that jar labels be updated and reference Celebration Forest. Some places don't realize they have jars. Discussion of new places to put them,, including Union Square, the fast food complex at the Seymour Union. Lori will come up with logo/label.

Memorial donation in honor of Eugenia Cabiedes \$2213.00. Alicia Fink's sister who recently died and lived in the village. Need to have discussion with Alicia, Tree Board and DPW where trees could be planted. One in Remembrance Park for sure, a couple of others on Park Avenue where Eugenia lived and where several trees have been removed. But there are funds for a number more. On the Morgan Manning property (though not public) is also a possibility.

Website discussion—see list from meeting with Village IT person, appended here to meeting notes

Tree City Recertification submitted. (We spend \$9.61/per resident on trees; Tree City requires \$2). Bobby would like copy of the certification submission to assist in preparing Tree Campus application. Margay will provide.

Market Street trees—Meeting took place post TB meeting on Thursday, January 23rd. Village will go for a CDBG (County Development Block Grant) grant through our DPW to fund as much of the street rehab as possible, but particularly the west end towards Main Street. Lori had previously spoken to Wegman's about a donation toward this project and she noted to Margay in an email: "I (we) can meet with the new manager to "refresh" the promise/verbal commitment without discussion of final \$ donations...and set up a later meeting for you once everyone has clarity around the grant. I hate to loose the "goodwill" since it has been a year since the original meeting and this is a new manager that knows nothing about the original discussion. The meeting I have set is for February 13th at 1:00."

Arbor Day (April 24) planning:

5 London Plane trees on Holley Street, 7 elms in Corbett Park

Need flyer and advertisement, refreshments (and table). Tony agreed to do flyer again but wants input.

Discussion about a program—book reading—and display in Seymour Library.

Next Meeting February 18th