

## Tree Board Meeting

### Minutes

05/18/21

#### Attendance Margay, Melissa, Nick and Priya

No formal agenda, just some news items:

- Arbor Day celebrations went well. The athletic teams from SUNY Brockport assisted with Arbor Day and reported they enjoyed it and said they would love to do it again next year.
- Tree-gators are to be placed on planted trees so that they get watered automatically.
- Margay signed the contract with PlantGEO, they will do our tree inventory, they will start this summer and we can shadow them, if we are interested. We had \$15000 to spend, the inventory – we signed up for a 2 year contract, so it cost us \$3000 per year, so for a total of \$6000.
- They are based in the state of Colorado, and the College has considered using them too. They are GIS based, we can find the trees in the inventory using GIS once it is completed. We can learn to use the software and can also be used by the public. Brockport will have all data even after two years if we let the membership lapse.
- Lori Staubitz has celebration forest funds.

**Tree planting:** The Tree Board discussed planting hazelnut trees along the southern edge of South Ave park, also that dogwoods would be a good idea along the canal.

- The Dogwoods are Redosier multi shrub – could be appropriate for the canal. However, Melissa wondered if the celebration forest funds should be used for smaller trees instead of shrubs/bushes instead of the Redosier.
- Margay will check with Lori about regular flowering Dogwoods instead of smaller shrubs. Lilacs, Rose of Sharon, memorial trees need to be trees (more appropriate). When they bloom, they can be given to the donors.
- Nick asked if donors should be given a choice of trees, but Margay said that may be logistically difficult.

**Website:** Margay said that the Tree Board needs to take on the website when we return in the fall. As it is constructed now, it is “basic” or pretty standard. She said that it should be updated to make it interesting.

- We have the master tree list which was put together and all kinds of trees that are suitable to plant in Brockport. The forestry management plan was done by the person who did our last inventory and the plan to manage our urban forest – that should be placed in the Tree Board website.
- National Grid has given us a List of trees to be planted under utility lines. Margay reported that we receive \$50 for every such tree planted.

- Donation forms and tree planting request forms need to be updated and made into fillable forms. We will need to figure out where such form should go (workflow for forms). In additional, clear communication about the workflow should be provided as well.
- Margay said that we could get a professional web-design company to work on our website, or folks in the village, or student interns.
- The website should also have a rotating photo gallery. Photos of Arbor Day celebrations and historic trees could be added to the photo gallery for our website.
- An interesting feature could be the history of Brockport's trees. For example, the history of Elm trees on main street could be added to the website. Melissa said that when we have our inventory, we could map historic trees and plan a tree walk.

Margay also reported that an Arborist was called to look at the Beech tree to examine its health. He recommended a rescue plan for the tree. Sycamore tree on Park Avenue is also a historic tree, as well as one on Main Street. This makes for a total of four historic beech trees.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m..**