

## **Tree Board Meeting Minutes** (Approved)

Tuesday, May 20, 2014  
49 State Street (Village Hall), Brockport, NY 14420

**Attendance:** Ian Blount, Chairman; Margay Blackman, Cheryl Blount, Chris Collier, Kathy Goetz, Sandy Cain, Hannelore Heyen, Keith Marshall, DPW representative

Ian called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Minutes:** Motion by Cheryl, seconded by Chris to accept the April 15, 2014 minutes as presented; passed unanimously.

**Donation Jars Report/Treasury Report:** Chris reported that \$46.00 was collected and deposited. There was no Treasury Report available at this time.

### **Discussion: Agenda Topics**

#### **Post-Arbor Day Reported:**

Ian reported that the Arbor Day activities were successful and that the tree planting was accomplished in an hour, with help from several college students, DPW crew members, Rick Lair's crew, Buck Noble's environmental students and a few community volunteers. He thanked everyone for their efforts. The resident at 51 Adams Street thanked the tree board for the tree planted at that location.

#### **T-Shirts:**

No final report on t-shirt sales was available at this time. Before Arbor Day, \$192 had been collected, an additional \$30 was found from last year's sales, and \$24 was collected by Hanny and Keith, for a total of \$246. Cheryl will pick up the remaining t-shirts left for sale in the Village offices and will take them to Different Path Gallery to be placed on display and sale. Chris will follow through later on with Katherine at the Gallery to see how many sell.

#### **DEC Grant Acceptances:**

Margay reported that we were the only municipality in Monroe County that got the \$6,900 Tree Management Project Grant, and \$10,820 for the Tree Planting Project at South Avenue Extension. Seventy-nine (79) trees will be planted during the next two Arbor Day events as well as two Fall plantings. Margay will send Ian a copy of the grant for him to distribute to everyone for their information.

#### **National Grid Tree Trimming Issues:**

Larry Rhodes from the Village of Victor had contacted Ian asking him what our ordinance is on tree trimming. Apparently, RG&E did the same severe trimming to their trees as has been done

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by National Grid in Brockport. There have been many complaints from village residents about the radical way in which trees have been trimmed by Nelson Brothers. Ian had suggested we invite a forester rep from National Grid to attend our meeting so we can register with them our complaints. It was also suggested that they bring with them someone from Nelson to a September or Fall meeting. Among other complaints about the job was lack of communication about the trees trimmed on the north side of the canal; the lack of communication with Margay as mayor; and who gets the wood after the trees have been trimmed or removed?

### **Website Redesign**

Margay said the Village is working with a new IT and web designer. The Tree Board would be "hosted" by the Village for any edits to our website information. Ian will contact them over the summer. Suggestions for changes to our portion of the website was possibly to post Bill Heyen's poem about trees and also to post photos of various village trees. More for discussion at next meeting.

### **Miscellaneous:**

Hanny reported that the Parks Committee has changed its meetings to the third Thursday of the month.

Ian wished everyone a good summer and said we will meet next on the third Tuesday in September, which is September 16, 2014. He will send an e-mail reminder. At that meeting we will bring up the progress on Andy Pleninger's survey and about getting Brian Skinner in from National Grid to discuss the tree trimmings.

### **Adjournment:**

Ian called for a motion to adjourn. Moved by Cheryl and seconded by Kathy, passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Cheryl Blount, Secretary

**Next meeting date: Tuesday, September 16, 2014**