

Tree Board Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Tuesday, November 18, 2014
49 State Street (Village Hall), Brockport, NY 14420

Attendance: Ian Blount, Chairman; Margay Blackman, Cheryl Blount, Chris Collier, Kathy Goetz, Sandy Cain, Rick Lair, Keith Marshall, Jackie Morris – Guest Speaker, Andy Pleninger

Ian called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes: Motion by Cheryl, seconded by Chris to accept, as corrected, the October 2014 meeting minutes as presented; passed unanimously.

Tree Reinventory Details with Urban Forester Andy Pleninger

Andy gave an overview of the tree inventory results and then gave a demonstration of the web-based program (Urforian Manager) so that the members can glance through the information on their own. He suggested that for this to work most efficiently for us, we need better updating and administration of the info/data that we input into the database and keep it up-to-date. Margay said she would like for us to assist him in going to the PSC with our concerns about the standards of trimming the trees to keep them clear of the wires. A further discussion followed about what types of trees/shrubs to consider to plant in the future that will help avoid being radically pruned by National Grid, and therefore comprising them. Andy passed out a list of about 75 short trees for consideration. He did compliment us on the trees that have in recent years been selected for planting.

- Tree Management Grant: Andy will give us surveys to help us state our goals/objectives, and challenges. He offered to help us with our Management Analysis Report. Margay will talk to Dan Hendricks about hiring Andy to assist us with this.

Andy reported that 69 trees will need to be removed as a result of their being compromised due to the pruning of them by National Grid. We need to contact National Grid about their removing and replacing them.

We also still need to establish a management plan for this removal with National Grid.

Andy shared with us his e-mail address should we like to contact him for any other information: andy@urbanforestryLLC.com.

Donation Jars Report/Treasury Report:

Chris reported a slow month for jar collections as follows: \$10.50 from Sarah's; \$5.70 from Crossroads Hair Studio. A few more t-shirts were also sold. Total collections from jars and t-shirts: \$28.20. Chris also said that the UPS Store at Wegmans Plaza offered to take a jar at their location. She will drop one off.

As far as Treasury reports, Ian has not been able to catch Dan Hendricks for budget information, but Margay reminded that \$1,500 must be spent by May 31, 2015.

Discussion: Agenda Topics

Fall Tree Planting:

Ian said that we will combine the Fall planting with Arbor Day/Spring planting for 2015.

Tree Donations:

Ian reported that Jim Bareis, 41 Liberty Street, donated through the Brockport Artists' Guild Art for a Cause show and sale to have a memorial tree for planting to commemorate Jeanne Sozio. There is another donation pending which came in the form of a wedding fee paid to Margay from Amy Guptill, whose wedding she officiated.

Ian also recently visited the home of Ann Macpherson who wants to donate three copper beech seedlings that could possibly be planted at the Seymour Library on East Avenue. Chris Daly will be contacted about this possibility. It was suggested that perhaps the Boy Scouts or Buck Noble's class could help with the planting.

Adjournment:

Ian called for a motion to adjourn. Moved by Cheryl and seconded by Chris, passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Cheryl Blount, Secretary

Next meeting date: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 (There is no December meeting)