

Tree Board Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Tuesday, January 20, 2015
49 State Street (Village Hall), Brockport, NY 14420

Attendance: Ian Blount, Chairman; Margay Blackman, Cheryl Blount, Chris Collier, Sandy Cain (arrived at 7:24 p.m.), Keith Marshall, Jackie Morris

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

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

Donation Jars Report/Treasury Report:

Ian reported that he was able to get a budget balance from Dan Hendricks –Current balance: \$2,324.53 in the Village budget; and unexpended balance: \$1,168.32.

Chris reported jar collections: Deposit will be made end of December in amount of \$63.02 and \$52.00 from Jimmy Z's to be deposited and added to other jars to be collected.

Discussion: Agenda Topics:

Proposed Village Tree Management Plan/Analysis

Ian said we will need two meetings in February: one to meet with Andy Pleninger and Harry Donahue to go over the steps we need to get the management plan accomplished. It was agreed that we will hold that meeting on Tuesday, February 10 due to availability, and move our regular monthly meeting to Tuesday, February 24. Margay said she will contact Andy about his availability for 2/10. There are some errors on Andy's report that need correcting also.

Margay passed out a sheet with info about the 2013 Tree Grants. She said Brockport was the only municipality in Monroe County to receive this grant. Discussion followed about forming a committee comprised of some members of the tree board as well as others to formulate plans for fulfilling the purpose of the grant. Margay also reiterated that there is \$1702 from Village funds that needs to be spent on the trees over a 2- or 3-year period. She wondered about the possibility of an extension being approved on the planting schedule since we have experienced some setbacks due to situations out of our control.

We need volunteers for the Spring 2015 planting that takes place on April 24, Arbor Day. Some possible volunteers that members suggested and/or offered to contact about this are: Buck Noble's class; Boy Scouts; SUNY students; Rosemary Catlin (Ian will contact her and Buck Noble); Community Service workers (Chris offered to contact Pam Ketchum on this). Margay noted we need approximately 40 volunteers for planting this Arbor Day (South Ave. Ext.).

Tree City Submission Update:

Ian said that he submitted the application for Tree City Designation, although it had to go a few days late. This was communicated to, and approved, by DEC rep. Sally Kellogg. Ian suggested we should take photos with the Tree City flag this Arbor Day to submit as part of the next Tree City application period. A photo/s is submitted into the application each year to represent the Arbor Day event for review by the DEC as part of the qualification process.

- **Growth Award** : There also was discussion about the Arbor Day Foundation Growth Award. To apply for this as well we need to gather all the information from the Tree Management Plan as well as any other projects and accomplishments by the Tree Board and submit the information into the Growth Award application.

Tree Reimbursement Submission for 2014:

Ian reported that by the time of the next regular Tree Board meeting he will have submitted the information for our reimbursements from National Grid for our tree plantings for 2014.

Discussion re Arbor Day Details/Other Spring Plantings:

It was agreed that flyers and a press release should go out early to announce the date and a call for volunteers for planting. Also Erica or Amanda should be contacted about putting this info on the Village website.

Mention was made that trees need to be replaced at 73 Park Avenue as well as for John Deats and Patti Good.

Miscellaneous:

Tree Board Committee Member Recruitments: Two vacancies will be open after June 30. Everyone is encouraged strongly to come up with names or to approach friends or family members who are Village residents who could replace those who will not be seeking reappointment.

10-Year Anniversary of Brockport Village Tree Board: Margay reminded us that this is the 10-year anniversary of the organization of the Village Tree Board. We need to get out an announcement and details about this event.

Adjournment:

Ian called for a motion to adjourn. Moved by Cheryl and seconded by Chris, passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Cheryl Blount, Secretary

Proposed next meeting dates:

- Tuesday, February 10, 2015 with Andy Pleninger and Harry Donahue
- Tuesday, February 24, 2015 – Regular Meeting