

Tree Board Meeting Minutes:
Approved

Tuesday, July1, 2015
49 State Street (Village Hall), Brockport, NY 14420

Attendance: Ian Blount, Chairman, Margay Blackman, Cheryl Blount, Chris Collier, Kathy Goetz, Jackie Morris – and guest, Sam Bingay (President of ECOS at SUNY Brockport), and consultant/Urban Forester Andy Pleninger

After initial greetings, Ian called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

Minutes: Motion by Cheryl, seconded by Kathy, to accept the April 21, 2015 meeting minutes as presented; passed unanimously.

Donation Jars Report/Treasury Report:

Chris reported that \$114.91 was deposited in early June.

Discussion: Agenda Topics:

Andy Pleninger re Project Meeting #1:

The meeting tonight was mainly to hear Andy report on the survey/questionnaire results from tree board members. He passed out to all members a copy of the Management Analysis Summary – Challenges he compiled.

- One main result indicates that things haven't been done as regularly and thoroughly with the tree inventory so that there is incomplete or lacking information. He is very concerned with the number of trees that have been removed within the village. We know some were removed as a result of the pruning practices of National Grid that contributed to trees being vulnerable to disease and death.
- Andy asked that he be given any policies from the DPW. Margay will gather those for him.
- Relative to Tasks 2-4 of the Plan, Andy will lead us through a discussion of these categories: Health: What we want to do to improve tree health; Goals; Community Involvement; Education; Management – How things get done, and policies; Funding. When we next meet, we will look at this list of issues and review them. We need to agree on the goals and put them into a draft document. He asks that we send him any suggestions by e-mail. He sees this step as a Five-Year Plan.

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Other:

Ed Lehman will be joining as a new member.

Sam Bingay will be attending meetings as a college student representative who can be a catalyst for more college involvement in the Village Tree Board.

Ian reported that two beech tree saplings were removed as transplants from Ann MacPherson's property and donated to the village to be planted somewhere in the village where new trees are needed. Also reported is that he has not heard back from Jim Bareis in regards to a donation for a tree to be planted in memory of Jeanne Sozio.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Cheryl Blount, Secretary

Next meeting dates:

**-Tuesday, August 4, 2015 – Special Meeting re Urban Forestry Management
Analysis/Project Management Meeting (Andy Pleninger will attend and hopefully
Harry Donahue ??)**

Regular meetings will resume in September. A new chairperson and secretary will need to be appointed.