

Tree Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 20, 2015
49 State St. (Village Hall), Brockport, NY 14420

Attendance: Margay Blackman, Harry Donahuge, Kathy Goetz, Ed Lehman, Merrill Melnick, Andy Pleninger, Chris Collier

Margay called the meeting to order at 7:06. Welcome to our new member, Merrill Melnick.

Minutes: Motion by Kathy, seconded by Ed to approve the minutes from Sept. 9, 2015 with one change – tree jars bring in approximately \$400. 00 a year, rather than \$200.00.

Agenda Topics:

Margay's History of Brockport's Trees Draft:

This article was read by everyone and was appreciated. There are some areas where more information needs to be plugged in.

Andy Pleninger's Urban Forest Management Plan:

Andy gave a thorough review of his plan, covering challenges and goals in six areas. There was much discussion and exchange of information, some of which is listed below:

- forest health: DPW needs help with tree pruning (maybe citizen training?); possible "Adopt a Tree" program; pre-planting and post-planting care; ash trees – more care or replacement?
- forest protection: write village code policies (for eg. code for removal of diseased trees on private property) and get codes out to public; more tree diversity; notify tree board before and after tree removal.
- management: the web site needs updating; need a tree data entry system.

- public safety: an emergency response plan should be made.
- community involvement and education: tree board needs a chairperson and 2 members by the end of December; work on the web page and possibly a facebook page in the future; a policy brochure for the tree board is needed.
- funding: the board needs grant funding to help with the tree removal and pruning (eg. citizen pruning grant); spend more money on care and less on planting; solicitation for funds.

Andy will bring a revised report at the next meeting. Also, Andy will bring drafts of the vision and mission statements.

Tree Jar Report:

Chris reported that \$70.92 was recently deposited. Burrito Fresco on Main St. will put out a jar at certain times of the year. Chris will ask 2 of the village's pizza places if they would take a jar.

Other: For our homework ;) Margay asked members to read the tree codes in the village website. Also, please review her article on Brockport trees and help fill in areas where more info. is needed.

Margay asked us to look in to recruiting new members – her temporary Chair position will terminate at the end of this year and there are 2 openings for general membership on the tree board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57, motion by Chris, seconded by Kathy.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2015.

Chris Collier, Secretary

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