

Tree Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

49 State Street, (Village Hall), Brockport, NY 14420

Present: Margay Blackman, Sam Bingay, Melissa Brown, Chris Collier, Kathy Goetz, Rick Lair, Keith Marshall, Merrill Melnick.

Meeting called to order at 7:07 P.M.

Minutes: Motion by Merrill, seconded by Melissa, to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2016 meeting. The minutes were unanimously accepted.

Resignation and Membership: Ed Lehman has resigned as Chair and as a member of the Tree Board. His contributions have been much appreciated.

Merrill reported that David Ball is not interested in becoming a tree board member while Melissa has e-mailed the Chair of the Sustainability Board to gauge his interest (he is currently in China). Chris Norment (faculty member in the Department of Environmental Science and Biology) will be asked if he has any interest in joining the Tree Board.

Margay will send all board members an information sheet outlining the workings and responsibilities of the tree board. She had previously given this sheet to Ed, Melissa and Chris.

Arbor Day: This year's Arbor Day plantings will be held at the South Ave. extension on Friday, May 6, 2016 from 10 – 12 A.M. Twenty one Winter Hawthorns were ordered. Eleven trees will be planted on Arbor Day by the students, volunteers and DPW. The remaining trees will be planted by the DPW.

Keith has straightened two young leaning trees from last year's planting.

National Grid will give us a rebate of \$50 for each tree that grows under the utility lines. Each tree will have a 20 foot allowance on each side of the lines.

Margay completed a marketing request form so that Sam could have posters designed for display in and around the village. Chris will post them in some shops

as well as Sara's garden center. Kathy will bring posters to the library, Morgan Manning House and Oak Orchard. Merrill will distribute posters to the Brockport public schools.

Margay will extend invitations to "WalkBike" club people, Pi Kappa Phi members, Heidi McPherson, and Bill Heyen (who will be asked to recite a poem). Margay will place an ad in the Daily Eagle and will ask Doug Hickerson to take photos and write an article about Arbor Day. Kathy will invite Buck Noble's class as well as Rosemary Catlin. Sam will invite ECOS members and will order 50 white pine saplings for giveaways at the event. Chris will invite Ian Blount (past chairperson of the Tree Board) and will attempt to locate any t-shirts from past years that might still be available. Melissa will e-mail some of her college contacts about the event. Chris will ask Dunkin' Donuts for "Munchkin" donations and Margay will purchase bottled water.

Membership (continued):

The tree board will elect a new chairperson in September.

Chris will call Jackie Morris before each meeting and Melissa will pick her up.

Sam has been communicating with ECOS members regarding interest in the 'student representative' position on the board as Sam will be leaving this position as he has graduated.

The next and last meeting until September will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, 7:00 P.M. at Village Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Collier, Secretary