

## Tree Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

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

**Present:** Margay Blackman, Sam Bingay, Melissa Brown, Chris Collier, Rebecca Gerling (new student rep. from college), Kathy Goetz, Merrill Melnick

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

**Minutes:** Motion by Margay, seconded by Merrill, to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2016 meeting. The minutes were approved with changes.

**Arbor Day:** Margay reported that the turnout for the Arbor Day tree plantings was down from last year but still good. Heidi Macpherson, president of Brockport College was there along with Bill Heyen who read his tree poem. Students from Buck Noble's class helped with the plantings.

Sam suggested we need good communication with the college re: Arbor Day. Maybe a committee could be developed with the college; Rick Harris is a good contact to send out information through My Brockport.

Chris reported that \$12 was collected from the T-shirt donation jar.

Sam thought that in the future, signs should be posted along Main Street to direct people to the planting areas.

**Tree Request Forms:** Margay passed out two tree request forms. These are available through the village web site and aren't easily found. We are to look at the forms and give any recommended edits and concerns to her.

**Website:** Our website needs to be modified and amplified. We need to familiarize ourselves with it and then use it. The site is [www.brockportny.com](http://www.brockportny.com).

Andy Pleninger has the data base for Brockport trees. It was suggested that we should ask Andy back in the fall for another inservice on his database. James Zollweg at the college may be putting together a minor for GIS (coordinates) and

maybe he could help us with our tree mapping. (GIS or geographic information system) uses trees or soil types or road signs etc. to map out an area.

**DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation) Grants:** The South Ave. Extension and Tree Management grants have still not been announced. If the grants are awarded to us, we should have a summer meeting. It was felt that we should apply for a Citizen Pruner grant to take care of smaller trees.

**Tree Board Vacancies:** Margay and Kathy will approach Whitney (last name?), Rebecca will speak with Adam Rich and Chris will ask Chris Norment if they would be interested in joining the Tree Board.

Rebecca Gerling has joined us as the replacement for Sam Bingay for the college student rep. It is important that we always have a student rep. on our Board and maybe have an ECOS rep. as well.

**Tree Board Jars:** Chris reported that \$120. 89 was collected over the past 2 months from the jars.

**Summer "Homework":** We are to A) familiarize ourselves with the Tree Board Website B) review the 2016-2017 annual objectives from the Tree Management Plan and C) try and recruit new members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2016, 7:00 P.M. at Village Hall.

Submitted by Chris Collier, Secretary.