

2012 (April) Tree Board Meeting Minutes (Approved 5/15/12)

Tuesday, April 17, 2012
Seymour Library, 161 East Avenue, Brockport, NY

Attendance: I. Blount, K. Goetz, H. Heyen, R. Lair, J. Matela, J. Morris, T. Longstreth, L. VanDervort, and M. Blackman, Village Board liaison

Minutes: The following minutes were approved unanimously: 1/17/12: J. Morris/H. Heyen; 2/21/12: J. Morris/I. Blount; and 3/20/12 (w/ minor addition) H. Heyen/M. Morris

Discussion/Agenda topics:

- **Arbor Day preparation:** Ian will call in the stakeout re: planting of (17) trees within within 10 days of Arbor Day (Linda Baker); Rick and Ian will mark tentative planting sites; Check with DIGNY, then flag sites where not to plant; and Ian and Harry Donahue will mark actual plantings.
- **Tree gators:** T. Longstreth: DPW has 26 gators on hand (17 needed)
- **Tee Shirts:** The tee shirts will be ready next Wednesday, April 25, 2012
- **Arbor Day program:**
 - Set up at Barry Street Park at 9:00 a.m.
 - J. Matela: tables, snacks, water
 - L. VanDerVort: help w/ tables
 - Ian: Contact: Rochester's *Democrat & Chronicle*, *Suburban News*, Buck Noble (Brockport's Hill School), and Rosemary Catlin, College representative David Mihalyov, Bill Heyen, poet
 - Poster/flyer to be distributed around community
 - Margay: Contact Delta Sigma (college)
 - T. Longstreth: Check when trees delivered, distributed
- **Tree Board Financial Account:** The Tree Board has a \$1,208 in its account held by The Greater Brockport Development Corporation. The latter voted to charge a fee for all account holders. J. Matela will check on fee schedule
- **Correspondence/email:** Re: Tree removal wanted on: #45 Centennial St. [Bill Sweeting]. Tree was checked 2010: Healthy sugar maple, trimmed 2/2010, home being sold. #36 Centennial [Mary Ann Thorpe]. Inventory: 28' sugar maple tree was trimmed and pruned, no code mention for removal.
- **NYSDEC grant announcement:** The tree inventory was last updated in 2006. At that time, there were 1400 trees on public land in the Village, and 160 to be removed. The survey needs updating, therefore, a new RFP must be written for a grant application.
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- **ReLeaf Meeting:** L.VanderVort attended the ReLeaf (NYS Dep't. of Urban & Community Forestry/NYSDEC) meeting last week in Canandaigua re: the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). Some commentary: Good hybrid ash trees are being propagated. Native predator wasps are being introduced in areas to combat the EAB. Monroe County has gotten a "wasp" grant. Woodpeckers feeding aggressively results in "flecking" (stripped bark) and is a potential sign of EAB infestation. There are EAB treatment grants available--on the management side. A pro-active not a preemptive approach for treatment is recommended. Plant other species of trees near ash trees now in case the disease hits later. Save the signature ash trees; obey chipping rules. L. VanderVort will get the ash tree survey from Linda Baker (DPW). There are 94 ash trees in the Village, including 53 in Corbett Park.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Hanny Heyen, Secretary