

## **Tree Board Meeting Minutes (approved)**

**February 27, 2013  
Seymour Library, 161 East Ave., Brockport, NY**

**Attendance: Ian Blount, Margay Blackman, Jackie Morris, Rick Lair,  
Cheryl Blount as Temporary Secretary**

**Minutes: The January 15, 2013 Minutes were unavailable for approval due to the  
absence of Kathy Goetz.**

**The meeting was called to order by Ian at 7:07 p.m.**

### **Arbor Day Planning Discussion (Tree Species and Locations for Planting) –**

In the discussion on the preparation and plans for Arbor Day (April 26), the following information and decisions came forth:

- Margay said that we usually try to order the trees by mid-March. We need to confirm the species and where they are to be planted. Margay will send that information out to everyone shortly post meeting. Ian said he notified Leslie Morelli of the April 26 date and that the ceremonies would be held at the Corbett Park parking lot area on Clark Street.
- Margay reminded that letters to the homeowners need to be sent out by the end of March. Ian will compose them using last year's format, which he will send to Leslie along with the homeowners' addresses, and she will then mail them out.
- Margay will do the press release for publication in mid-April in the Suburban News. She will also contact the college fraternities and put something up on the college website calling for volunteers. Rosemary Catlin and Buck Noble also must be contacted very soon.
- Rather than a letter to the SUNY president, Margay will email Dave Mihalyov along with the request form, inviting the president or his designee to attend the Arbor Day ceremonies.
- Ian showed this year's t-shirt design. He will also design a flyer and poster using this logo that will announce the ceremonies. Jackie will work on talking with and distributing the flyers to the Lift Bridge and the Seymour Library, and will also ask them to set up a display for Arbor Day.
- Post-Arbor Day letter to the editor may be done by Hanny
- To be done ASAP: See to getting the money from the grant to pay for the tree gaiters and notify the DPW at least 10 days before Arbor Day that we need to stake the trees out. Ian will follow up on this.
- Margay reported that she deposited \$526 in the account. She also will contact Dan Hendricks to get a new total in the account.

## **Memorial Tree for Jim Stull**

Ian reported that he was contacted by Pam Ketchum on behalf of the Pro Brockport Group, who wishes to donate a memorial tree in Remembrance Park in honor of former mayor, Jim Stull. Ian consulted with Stull family members on the choice of tree species. As of now, a pink hybridized dogwood has been selected.

Margay proposed it might be nice to plant the memorial tree on Arbor Day as well, after the opening ceremonies have been concluded, around 12:30 p.m.

The Tree Board has offered to pay for the tree, and donations could also be made to its purchase from the Pro Brockport Group and other family members and community and village employees. It was discussed that a donations jar with all date/event location info on the label could be placed in the Village Offices. Margay will confer with Leslie about the possibility of letters going out to village employees.

Rick will seek out a rock that could be placed at the site of the memorial tree with an engraved plaque on it.

Ian will send out e-mail notifications of the planting of the tree to Jo Matela and Mary Ann Thorpe as former mayors. He will also check with Neala Stull to find out if she has other family members or friends that she would like to receive special notification of the memorial planting.

Margay will contact Dan Hendricks to insure how checks should be made out.

Updates on Arbor Day plans will be discussed at the next Tree Board meeting on March 19.

Meeting Adjourned : 8:29 p.m.

Next meeting: Tues., March 19, 2013 at Seymour Library in the Elwanger Room