

Village of Brockport Tree Board Minutes

127 Main Street, Brockport, N.Y.

February 20, 2018

Present: Mayor Margay Blackman, Priya Banerjee, Chairperson Melissa Brown, Chris Collier, Kathy Goetz, Tim Kewin; Guest speakers Nick Conte, Mary Linton and Lori Staubitz.

1. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Priya and seconded by Tim to approve the corrected minutes from December 20, 2017. The minutes from January 16, 2018 could not be approved as a quorum was not met on that date. These unapproved minutes were sent to Village Clerk Leslie Morelli.

2. Tree Inventory Software: Nick Conte and Mary Linton, students at the College of Brockport, spoke about the results of their research on tree inventory software conducted last term. Their handout, "Village of Brockport Tree Board System Recommendation Analysis", was distributed and discussed. ArborPro was the software that they recommended we use. Information on our current system, Uforian, could easily be transferred to ArborPro. Chris Conlee, the ArborPro contact person, may be able to give us a discount. Margay will check with other municipalities and see what tree inventory software programs they are using and their satisfaction levels. Our Uforian contract ends in June.

Melissa will take part in the webinar 'Inventory and Managing Your Urban Forest on a Budget' on Feb. 28, 2018.

3. Ash Tree Mapping: To satisfy a class requirement, Jared, a student working with Jim Zollweg (professor in the Earth Sciences department at The College at Brockport), would like to map ash trees and their health in Brockport. Melissa will check to see if they need additional qualifications to undertake this project.

4. Celebration Forest: After the Morgan Manning Christmas event, Kathy Goetz gave Lori Staubitz a check for \$105.60 from the sales of the book "Little Nut". Dan Hendricks, Village Treasurer, will be given this amount.

Press releases for Celebration Forest are to go out immediately and, again, on Arbor Day.

Brockport Smiles Dentistry (Dr. Joe Russo) has donated \$250.00 for a tree.

Lori will send an updated contract to Daniel Mastrella, Village Attorney regarding the finances related to Celebration Forest.

5. Arbor Day: Melissa has asked The College at Brockport president, Heidi MacPherson, to speak on Arbor Day (April 27, 2018.)

Nicole Van Wie, Director of Community Development from The College at Brockport, has been contacted re: student involvement on Arbor Day.

Melissa asked William Heyen to recite a poem on Arbor Day. At this point, he has not yet responded.

Woody Nicholson and Friends have offered to sing during the ceremony. Woody has written a 'tree song'.

Lori showed the Board posters of Celebration Forest. She will speak to Erica Linden, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, about getting a village logo added to the posters.

Allied Frozen Storage, the company located on the canal across from the residential tree cutting area, has been receptive to residents' complaints about noise and lights coming across the canal. It was suggested that 15 hedge maples be planted in front of Allied. However, they this solution may not work as hedge maples lose their leaves in the late fall. Instead, the Eastern Red Cedar, a salt tolerant tree, was suggested. Melissa, Margay and Harry Donahue (Department of Public Works Superintendent) will meet with Allied Frozen Storage on March 8. They will ask Allied Frozen Storage for help with the cost of the trees.

It was suggested that we invite neighbors who live across from Allied Frozen Storage to attend Arbor Day Celebrations on April 27, 2018 at 260 State Street, the Allied Frozen Storage address.

Chad Collins, Head Grounds Supervisor at The College at Brockport, has replaced Rick Lair as a consultant to the board. Melissa will ask Chad if he can assist on Arbor Day by getting volunteers and speaking about planting. It was suggested that Rick might be interested in helping out on Arbor Day.

Kathy will speak to Chris Daily, librarian at Seymour Library and representatives from the Lift Bridge Bookstore to see if they have interest in displaying books about trees on Arbor Day. Both the library and Lift Bridge bookstore have, historically, excellent displays.

Melissa will work on the program and poster for Arbor Day as well as getting a donut donation from Dunkin' Donuts. Lori will write the press release for the Suburban News.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:17

Submitted by Chris Collier, Secretary