

## Tree Board Minutes

127 Main Street, Brockport, N.Y.

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

**Present:** Mayor Margay Blackman, Chairperson Melissa Brown, Kathy Goetz, Tim Kewin, Chris Collier and Guest Speaker Lori Staubitz.

**1. Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Kathy and seconded by Tim to approve the corrected minutes from February 20, 2018.

**2. Celebration Forest: (C.F.)** Lori has not yet been reimbursed for seven "Little Nut" books (\$49) by Village Treasurer Dan Hendricks. She has also purchased 30 books (\$210) for sale from now until Christmas; she will buy back any unsold books. Kathy will be in charge of speaking to Dan about Lori being reimbursed.

Lori will have a table with C.F. information and "Little Nut" books at the Arbor Day celebration.

Kathy reported that Doug Hickerson, from the Suburban News, wants us to handle a write up for Celebration Forest. He will take care of the Arbor Day announcement. Melissa submitted the information for C.F. to the newspaper at the beginning of March but has heard nothing back. Kathy will follow up on this as she is now the liason person for C.F.

Melissa Kleehammer from "Beyond Yoga" is having a Tree of Life Meditation fundraiser on April 21 for Celebration Forest.

**3. Arbor Day:** Melissa will send a press release to the Daily Eagle (The College at Brockport's e-news letter.

a) Trees: Margay told the Board that Allied Frozen Storage has donated \$500.00 towards the purchase of 15 East Red Cedar trees to be planted on the south side of State Street, in front of the Allied Frozen Storage building. The trees cost \$125.00 each. The remaining funds from the 2013 Department of Environmental Conservation will be used to help pay for the trees.

The Holt family would like to purchase a Peking Lilac which is quite pricey (\$345.00). If they donate \$200 to C.F. the village will pay for the rest of the tree.

b) The College at Brockport: The College at Brockport president, Dr. Heidi Macpherson is unable to attend the Arbor Day ceremony. Chief communications officer, David Mihalyov will be representing the college.

c) Student Involvement: Nicole Van Wie, Director of Communication Development at the

college, reported that students from The College at Brockport will be assisting. Margay will ask Buck Noble (a teacher at Fred Hill School in Brockport) if he will bring students to assist once again this year.

d) William Heyen: He has agreed to read poetry on Arbor Day.

e) Posters: Melissa showed the Board her posters advertising Arbor Day. Once they are printed by Deputy Clerk – Treasurer Erica Linden, they will be distributed at the college (Melissa), the library, bookstore and Morgan Manning (Kathy), village merchants (Chris) and Celebration Forest activities (Lori).

f) Program: Melissa will work on the hard copy of the Arbor Day program.

g) Chad Collins: Chad is the Head Grounds Supervisor at the college. He has offered to put up posters and speak to students about the Arbor Day festivities.

h) Melissa and Donuts: Melissa will ask Dunkin' Donuts if they will donate donut "holes" as they do every year. Chris will make a poster to thank them and this will be displayed on Arbor Day.

i) Kathy and Suburban News: Kathy has asked Doug Hickerson, from the Suburban News, if he would write an article about Arbor Day.

j) Lori and Music: Lori reported that the "Woody and Friends" group will be singing at the Arbor Day celebration. Margay will speak to Woody about the potential need to 'plug in' his equipment.

k) Libraries and Lift Bridge Bookstore: All is great! They will be displaying books and information about trees and Arbor Day.

**4. Additional Business:** Margay has contacted several Monroe County mayors to ask them if they use Uforian or some other tree data system. Fairport uses Uforian and they are fine with the program. No other communities are using a tree data system. Margay will get in touch with Chris Conlee in order to gather information about 'Arbor Pro' – a tree management system.

Margay announced that there will be an open house at Brockport's new Village Hall on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 from 2 – 5 P.M. We are all invited.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

Submitted by Chris Collier, Secretary