

Tree Board Meeting, February 15, 2019

Present: Margay, Priya, Rick, Melissa, Cathy, Tim, Tony, Kathy, Lori.

MINUTES

Approval of November and January minutes

Minutes were approved as amended.

Donation jars update

Cathy did not collect in January but will next month.

Market Street trees—streetscape proposal reconsidered.

Margay presented the proposal to the Village Board with the Market St. Plan and the Board decided to table this plan because of the expense. Matt Ingalls (chair of the Village's Comprehensive Plan) suggested contacting Sue Steele who is a landscape architect, (but not an engineer) regarding the Market St. trees. She has agreed to meet with Margay and Harry Donahue on March 7.

Lori said that Wegmans would like to partner with us on the Market St. plan once we had a comprehensive plan. Julie Lenhardt is the new manager at the Brockport Wegmans and Lori believes that there might be a substantial contribution from them. Lori and Margay will meet with her.

Conversation with Andy Hillman regarding pruning workshops.

Margay will be connecting with Andy Hillman about the tree pruning workshops. He has worked with two college communities as a forester – educating college students about trees. We should invite him to a Tree Board meeting and ask him, among other things, about tree climbing equipment, whether he would be willing to let us use it. Melissa also asked to ask him about a tree climbing demo. Tim has been tasked with finding a tree to climb or to conduct a demo on.

The tree climbing demo could be on Arbor Day. Melissa said that the demo could be both – tree climbing and pruning. One for the DPW and another for interested citizens. Margay will ask about whether Andy will be able to provide a guidebook.

Lori suggested that we should have a Celebration Alum Forest.

Where to plant 5 oak trees coming to the village.

Oak trees with root bulbs go are sold by Cornell for \$50.00 each. It is possible to partner with other villages/towns to go to Cornell to collect the root bulbs. Margay suggested that the Oak trees could be planted on the Seymour Library grounds or on Victory Drive. The trees have to be on public property. We could do a Fall planting and the Oak trees are a hybrid sort and will be picked up in April.

MRB Group (our engineers) doing GIS tree plotting—could meet with us.

Margay mentioned that for no expense to us, they would do a demo for the Tree Board.

Handout – “Look beyond the leaves: An introduction to tree identification.” Garrett Koplum is doing a webinar on 2/20 – the Tree Board should take a look.

Singing for the Trees, May 4, 2019 —Lori

Local musicians whose band's name is "Dusty Roads" is volunteering to play for us, for the event. The event will be at St. Luke's from 3-5 on May 4. Lori said that she would like to recognize all those who are "greening." She needs people to volunteer for a variety of activities including 1) selling of at least 30 Celebration Forest books, 2) making a flyer for the event, 3) create and submit a press release, 4) someone to be at two tables – one for the book sale, and the other for donations, 5) ushers, at least two. The need for volunteers is May 4.

- Cathy and Melissa volunteered to be at the book table.
- Cathy also indicated that she will collect the donations and make a deposit in the Village Board office.
- Margay will distribute the flyer.
- Tim will be one of the two ushers.
- Kathy will call Doug and handle the press release.
- Tony will work on the flyer. Lori should send him all the material by the next meeting.

Other?

Margay said that our next meeting 3/19 should be about Arbor Day and planting of crab apple trees on the south side of Holley St.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55. The next meeting is scheduled for March 19.