

## **Tree Board Minutes, April 16 2019**

Present: Cathy Appleby, Priya Banerjee, Margay Blackman, Kathy Goetz, Melissa Rivelis, Tim Kewin, Tony Schime, Lori Staubitz

**Approval of minutes from March meeting.** Minutes were approved by all present. Margay asked Priya to send the minutes electronically to Leslie. Priya said she would.

**Donations:** Cathy reported that she collected \$22 from donation jars.

**Article in the Suburban News about tree removals:** The red ribbons around certain trees sparked questions from Brockport residents. The article in Suburban News indicated that the red-ribboned trees were marked for removal.

**Meeting with MRB engineers regarding GIS Mapping (waterlines, sewers, storm sewers, trees, etc:** Margay reported that the Tree Board could use information generated by the MRB group to write and submit a DEC or Urban Forest grant. They will let us know about the cost.

**Market street landscape plan – contract signed with Sue Steele Landscaping:** Sue Steele will present two landscape concepts to the Village Board and the Tree Board. Money to pay for this came from a house deeded to the Village. Wegmans will be partners on the actual implemented plan.

**Cornell hybrid oaks and yellowwood tree for Harvester Park.** The village has purchased 5 trees from Cornell. The Cornell project will track the trees for their lifetime. A flowering tree was ordered in the name of someone instrumental in setting up Harvester Park – Rick and Margay will mark where all the various trees (hybrid from Cornell) will be planted.

**Final plans for Arbor Day – 10 a.m. at Monika Andrews park. Everyone needs to show up at 9:30 a.m..**

- Tree orders done
- Locating planting sites will be done by Margay
- Notification to college crew. Margay reported that Chad Collins from the College at Brockport will bring his crew.
- Participating groups include volunteers from the college. Fourth graders are also coming! All trees planted are going to be crab apples.
- Water (Lori) Donut holes (Tim)
- Table (Lori)
- Music (Lori) Electric connection (Tim)
- Flyers to hand out.

**Guest: Andy Hillman, Davey Resource Group: Citizen Pruning Workshops.** Andy reported that Books on tree pruning are on back order. He can also provide us with other books in PDF format.

- Andy can offer us 3 workshops – two groups of 15 people each for small tree pruning, and one group for professionals – big tree pruning. Workshops will be about 3 hours in duration, two hours indoors and one outdoors.
- Workshops are free, funded by the Urban Forestry Grant.

- **June 8 is the tentative date for the first workshop. Andy will set a date for a workshop with the DPW after consulting with them.**
- Margay said that the citizen pruning groups should work with the DPW. The DPW will be able to purchase pruning tools wholesale.
- Andy will bring tools to demonstrate but not to sell, and will give us recommendations on what tools to purchase.
- Andy will help the Village work out a MOU (Memorandum Of Understanding) with NYSEG to determine what trees are to be pruned and to make sure that it is appropriately completed.
- Andy also suggested that we create Tree Campus USA with the College to partner with the Village.

**Celebration Forest.** Lori reported that everything for the fundraiser is ready. The 'Singing for the Trees' event will start at 3:00 at St Luke's. The band 'Dusty Roads' is donating their time to play. She requested that those who volunteered should be present at 1:00 on May 4.

*The meeting adjourned at 8:15.*