

## **Tree Board Meeting December 15, 2020**

### **Minutes**

**Present: Margay, Priya, Melissa, Lori, Cathy Appleby.**

Tree funds are \$19,000. Margay will provide moneys for funds specific to Celebration Forest to Lori Staubitz. Some of the money has to be used for Spring and Fall planting.

We got a grant from Arbor Day foundation to plant 4 trees –Pink Chestnut/Buckeye-trees. We will have to think about where we intend to plant the trees. To be planted in Corbett Park. DPW has an auger that they use to plant trees.

Lori said that out of the 16 or so Eastern red Cedar trees planted near Allied Foods, only 4 have survived, we should re-plant perhaps. We should replace them with species other than Cedar.

Lori asked about an update regarding the Canal - what can we plant along the canal? Margay reported that there are plans, and the planting was going to be done in Spring 2020 but is now postponed to Spring 2021. Lori said that smaller trees like perhaps Hazelnut and Redbuds can be planted on the canal, because they are friendly to animals and the structure of the canal.

We have a subscription with the tree database with Uforian expiring on December 31. They will provide us with a excel sheet of all of our material. Margay will send us what Uforian will be able to provide alternatives for our review.

Margay picked up the donation jars that had a total of \$207. Sara's Garden Center had two different jars, they had \$100. Lori said that Sara was selling the 'Little Nut' books. It may be that one of the two jars was the little nut monies. Lori will check to confirm.

Margay commented that we are going to be virtual for a while. We've got to be creative about how to involve the public about trees. Fairport had a scavenger hunt related to trees. We should do some investigating to do something similar. Melissa suggested a Virtual Tree walk. Now that we have technology, we can start using it to market Brockport. We could get some sort of software with GIS capabilities where people could – connecting Brockport tree to stories. We could also do Tree-Brockport Geo-caching. Lori suggested that the Tree Board should organize a walk in the winter to identify 20 trees that we would like people to get to know for our Virtual Tree walk.

Lori inquired about pruning workshop. We had the one pruning workshop, that was it. Pruning was part of the 2018 grant, and time ran out. Fortunately, we do have a DPW guy who can provide information and expertise.

Priya will check into the planting of a tree in memory of Dr. Betsy Balzano. Plant location could be near campus.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m..