

## **TREE BOARD MEETING MINUTES 12/17/19**

**PRESENT: Cathy Appleby, Margay Blackman, Kathy Goetz, Merrill Melnick, Melissa Rivellis, Lori Staubitz, Bobby Howe**

No minutes from October to approve—Priya is in India. We did not meet in November

Tree donation jars—Cathy. \$30 for this month. Arjuna's jar has disappeared

Update on Market Street trees and public meeting  
notes from meeting 11/20/19 were handed out. Can also be found at  
<https://www.brockportny.org/government/village-board/minutes-and-agendas/send/2-village-board/2181-11-20-19>

costs for phase one (west end of Market Street)—still searching for document.  
one tree has been removed from the South side

DEC urban Forestry Grant submitted  
Removal of 30 dead/dying ash trees from Corbett Park  
Planting of 12 replacement trees (tulip, tupelo, London Plane) that are native species  
Required role of the tree board in same is spelled out in the letter sent in support of the grant

Tree planting (3 trees) on college street postponed until spring

College is considering becoming a tree campus USA.

Bobby Howe, Chair of the Environmental Committee at the College, discussed the criteria which includes having a member on their committee from the tree board. Melissa volunteered in that capacity. We encouraged Bobby to continue to attend our tree board meetings and for the Environmental Club to partner with the Village in our Arbor Day planting.

College sustainability committee and 50th anniversary of Earth Day, which is April 22, 2020.

That week also includes Canal Clean Sweep, technically April 18, but can be done any time that week. Erica Linden, Deputy Clerk Treasurer for the Village organizes Canal Clean Sweep and usually Earth Day activities at Corbett Park. We need to make sure Arbor Day is an important part of that entire week.

Lori suggested an "Everyone Reads" book related to trees (The Hidden Life of Trees or The Overstory) with a discussion at Seymour Library.

Also suggested, book displays for Arbor Day related to trees at the library and Lift Bridge Books.

Tree City recertification has to be submitted by 12/31/19. Margay is handling

Tree Board Website update—Waiting to hear from our IT person