

Tree Board Meeting Minutes

2/16/21

Attendance: Lori, Margay, Melissa, Priya, Cathy

Approval of Minutes from 1/19/21 Minutes were approved unanimously.

Possible software for tree management—Tree Plotter

Margay has been in touch with a company in Colorado named Tree Plotter. It is a GIS based software subscription. They informed Margay that they were offering services to SUNY Brockport, and there is a possibility of sharing services and therefore, we could save some money. Margay will chat with Chad Collins about this opportunity. The representative of Tree Plotter would send Margay a video of instructions on how to use the software.

Their cost would be about \$1500, when their competitor was \$3000, and the Davey Group was \$2500 and first year was free.

We have \$15,000 toward our inventory software.

Decision will be made before our fiscal year.

Hazelnuts for the canal top or embankment toe—response from Canal Corp

Margay asked the Canal Corp about the planting of hazelnuts. This is a native species, it is hardy, and the trees could grow as tall as other trees picked out to be planted along the canal. The Canal Corp however, pointed out some disadvantages to hazelnut trees:

1. Attract deer.
2. Shallow root system which is aggressive, the roots would move beyond the bounds of the acceptable planting area.
3. May require a lot of root maintenance.
4. May not offer as much screening and privacy compared to what the Canal Corp has chosen to plant.

The Canal Corp did not support the planting of hazelnut trees along the canal.

Lori suggested that there might be a better location to plant hazelnut trees in Brockport, specifically, in the park behind South Ave. She sent the Tree Board a link to hazelnut trees on sale! Margay said she would check it out.

We have money to buy trees. There have been requests to plant trees around Brockport, specifically on Park St., Adam St. etc.

Tree Donation Jars—new labels needed with new messages.

We need to update the labels because the jars are very outdated and may have wrong information. Melissa shared her label prototype with the Tree Board. And it received rave reviews!

Lori said we should get new jars instead of placing the new and vastly improved new label on the existing charts. Margay said that there is money to buy new jars. The Tree Board thanked Melissa for her creative design.

Melissa will also look into buying 15 new green translucent jars. Care must be taken to purchase jars that are not opaque. The Tree Board identified the locations of the jars, new and old: Grinds, Crossroads, Sara's Garden, Java, Liftbridge, Lightways, Smiles Brockport, Country Max, Tractor Supply, Eclipse, New Comic shop, some of the Vape places, pizza places, Custom House.

Next Tree walk—Corbett Park and planning for Arbor Day?

The Tree Board members who participated in the first Tree Walk truly enjoyed the experience. The next one will be in Corbett Park, especially since new trees will be planted there. The Arbor Day tree planting will definitely be socially distanced – we have 16 trees to plant.

Sundays works well for all of the members in the meeting, for the next Tree Walk.

Next Tree Walk is scheduled for March 7 at 2:00 p.m.. We will meet in the parking lot behind Village Hall.

Margay shared a map of a Tree Walk – it is a walking tour of Brockport. Margay will send this to the Tree Board. Margay said that she would chat with Patrick Armstrong who is a graphic designer employed by the village, to possibly help with creating a new Tree Walk map/brochure.

Corbett Park plantings—paid for from two grants (16 trees)

4 pink chestnut trees

4 each of Tupelo, Tulip Poplar, London Plane

Tree City recertification

Margay is working on recertifying Brockport as “Tree City U.S.A.” The deadline is February 20, 2021. She will keep the Tree Board apprised when that is done.

Melissa made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Cathy seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57. P.M.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 16th.