

Tree Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 15, 2011 (Approved: 4/12/11)

Seymour Library, 161 East Avenue, Brockport, NY
7:45 p.m.

Attendance: M. Blackman, I. Blount, K. Goetz, H. Heyen, R. Lair, J. Morris, M. P. Musselman

Handouts: February 2011 (unapproved) minutes, Agenda, Village of Brockport Master Tree List (Ian Blount), (Draft) letter to the Utica and College Streets' residents re: Arbor Day plantings

Minutes: M.P. Musselman moved and K. Goetz seconded that the February 8, 2011 minutes be approved as corrected. Approved unanimously.

1. Tree planting list and prices. Seventeen (17) trees will be planted on Arbor Day in the Utica and College Streets' area in conjunction with the College at Brockport's 175th on-going anniversary celebration this year, plus the (3) tree requests from residents. Ian and Margay will decide on tree species, and Ian will contact Sara's Garden and Nursery re: availability of those species (Sara's donated \$600 towards this year's tree planting)

2. Budget and pledges towards Arbor Day tree plantings. The money on hand (\$3,420) includes a \$105 donation from the College at Brockport's Dance Department (not Sara's Garden and Nursery)

- ECOS (College at Brockport) plans to give \$200 and will make out the check directly to Northern Nurseries, Fairport, NY (Wholesale); Delta Sigma has promised to contribute funding for a tree
- Margay will check with college officials re: a tree donation

3. Notification of property owners (Utica & College Streets) re: Arbor Day plantings. Members reviewed the letter and some modifications were made. Margay will ask Village Clerk Leslie Morelli to mail out the letters to residents before Arbor Day

4. Arbor Day Program. Margay reported that: She will check w/ Harry Donahue re: the pick-up of the trees from Northern Nurseries. Also, when DPW Superintendent Donahue orders the 20 tree gaiters (water bags) for the new trees, he will charge that against National Grid's tree reimbursement (13 trees @ \$50= \$650) for prior trees planted to specification under utility lines.

- Margay will inquire who will be representing the Village on Arbor Day
- Margay will make a presentation at the Village Board's March 23, 2011 meeting re: Arbor Day
- The Arbor Day event will take place on Friday, April 29, 2011 from 10am – 12pm in front of Hartwell Hall by the Alumni House of the College at Brockport on Utica Street.

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- Jackie Morris, Village historian, will make remarks re: Hartwell Hall, nearby grounds, and streets. FYI: Recently, Facilities Project Coordinator, Rick Lair and crew had to cut down the huge, century-old maple tree on the east lawn of Hartwell Hall
- Arbor Day flyers and publicity information is being prepared by Margay

5. Arbor Day tee shirts. In the next two weeks, Ian will design the 2011 Arbor Day tee shirts. The Tree Board will get them printed, priced, and ready for sale on Arbor Day

6. Code Review Committee meeting today, 3/15/2011. Margay went to this evening's meeting to check on the status of the Tree Board membership expansion to ten. Scott Zarnstorff stated that the committee had discussed and approved the request, as part of some of the tree ordinances--with some clarification. The document is being reviewed by the Village attorney

7. Sunflower Landing subdivision. At the Planning Board meeting, Ian Blount learned that the trees planted in one section at Sunflower Landing are all Austrian pines (currently on the Tree Board's discontinued tree recommendation(s) list), a species that is prone to fungi and diseases. Ian Blount believes the tree plantings at Sunflower Landing should be more diversified. He suggested a species such as Cryptomeria, red pine or white pine. Most of the trees in the front of the development are Bradford pear trees. The developer will consult with Ian before planting decisions are made.

8. Village of Brockport Master Tree List. Ian Blount finished compiling the Master Tree List for the Brockport Tree Board. The list is a major resource and guide for planting and replacing trees on public (or private) property. It was decided to put together (3) binders, including a cover page, table of contents, and 22 pages of tree information (Margay and Hanny will handle). A copy will be given to the Village Board of Trustees at the March 23, 2011, and be housed at the Village Hall for use by the public. The Tree Board chair, Margie Blackman, and member Ian Blount, will get the two remaining copies.

Other business:

- Mary Pat Musselman reported that there will be a tree planted on the grounds of the Brockport Central School to commemorate Arbor Day
- Margay and Ian Blount will schedule a mutually agreeable time with Buck Noble, Enrichment Specialist, Brockport Central School District, to go to a student classroom at the Hill School to discuss trees, the Tree Board, and Arbor Day
- NYSDOT plans to plant trees on Main Street this fall or spring 2012, after completion of the reconstruction project
- Ian announced that a tree at the end of Spring Street has been excessively "topped." Perhaps, a replacement (London Plane tree) should be considered
- Hanny will contact Andrea Perry, Chair of the Parks Committee re: Corbett Park lilacs/weeding and student volunteers from the college

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 12, 2011. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Hanny Heyen, Secretary

