

**MINUTES OF THE TREE COMMISSION MEETING HELD AT THE GREENFIELD DPW, ON THURSDAY,
MARCH 12, 2015, AT 6:30 PM**

1. Joan Stevens, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM

**Meeting called to order
at 6:33 PM**

Roll Call:	Joan Stevens	Present
	Ald. Bruce Bailey	Present
	Michael Wendt	Present
	Becky Thorpe	Excused
	Lew Silva	Present
	Terry Krell	Present
	Dennis Fermenich	Present
	Dan Ewert	Present

Also Present: Rob Hansen, Greenfield School Board

2. Approval of the January 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes

**Approval of 01/08/15
Minutes**

It was moved by Mr. Wendt, seconded by Mr. Silva, to approve the January 8, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Aldermanic Report

Aldermanic Report

Kulwicki Park is still in the works. Possible decision on March 17, 2015.
County may be giving Greenfield the responsibility of taking care of the park.

4. Superintendent of Public Works Report

Public Works Report

Crews have finished all street tree pruning that they wanted to get done this year. A nice year for pruning due to the lack of snow. Crew will be going into some of the parks and begin pruning before the sap starts running. Will be starting at Konkel Park and jump to other parks that have not been pruned in quite a while. It was suggested by Michael Wendt that the trees in Morgan Oaks, the Swamp White Oaks need pruning, very low branches. (Street trees) Superintendent agreed this would be completed before crew moves to the parks. Give pat on the back to the crew responsible for doing the pruning. Caught up on all hazard and removal trees. All involved did a great job & worked very hard.

Dan received an e-mail from Wisconsin DNR Forestry Division informing him that the American Transmission Lines that they are giving out 4 donations/sponsorships of \$250.00 for Arbor Day. Dan applied and received an e-mail that Greenfield is one of the four chosen to receive this. Money goes in to Arbor day fund. Dan received a newsletter from the DNR stating we are the longest running city in the state of Wisconsin to have received the Growth Award consecutively for 19 years in a row.

5. Chair Report

Chair Report

City Arbor Day will be Saturday, May 2nd @10am, School Arbor day scheduled for Friday, May 1 @ Maple Grove School. Dennis Fermenich has been in contact with Lisa Elliott, Superintendent and Dana Croatt the principal at Maple Grove and has taken aerial layouts of the school and found there is possibility for more planting

there. Plans are in the making for a doing a pre-ceremonial planting at the school with the students on that Friday and talk about Arbor Day and invite them back with their families the next day, Saturday May 2nd to increase involvement. Clean-up/Green up day scheduled for Saturday, May 9th, 2015, 9am–10:30am. Mrs. Stevens said about 3,400 people participated in the clean-up in 2014. Mrs. Stevens suggested that in an effort to increase public awareness for Emerald Ash Bore, our city could have a proclamation for “Emerald Ash Bore Awareness Day” on one of the Farmer’s Market days. Ribbons could be tied around the Ash trees at Konkel Park, and it would help residents identify what the trees look like. It could be held on a Sunday during one of the Farmer’s Markets and possibly have the Mayor do a proclamation for this. Dennis could do a demonstration regarding treatment for Emerald Ash at that time as well.

City Forester’s Report

6. City Forester’s Report

Everything is completed regarding the 2015 Urban Forestry Grant. Mr. Fermenich is trying to gather resource materials for the booth. He has been in touch with the Wisconsin Urban Wood Group in Madison. He would like information about treatment and wood utilization and he specifically wants to have EAB information but is looking for other ideas as well. Booth for display will be paid for by 2015 Urban Forestry Grant. Mr. Fermenich is hoping the Wisconsin Urban Wood Group will have some wood samples of things made out of urban wood. Video about Forestry program is complete. On City’s website and ready to be viewed. Mr. Fermenich has a meeting sometime in April with the City Attorney regarding licensing. Meeting w/Chuck Erickson regarding the Meijer Plan on 60th & Layton and discussing the landscaping facing Layton Ave., the new location of Meijer.

7. Review of Arborist conference program and information

Arborist Conference

Mr. Wendt went to the conference. Nothing to report.

Dennis Fermenich spoke to many people about wood utilization and the best used practices for wood. There are many cities that sell their lumber. Other cities do a trade where someone takes the logs and the City gets a portion of the milled lumber for their use. Our DPW has been using re-sawed wood for years for re-decking our trailers. (Oak, Hickory, Ash)

8. Discussion and Decision regarding changes to the Master Tree List

Master Tree List Report

Mike looked it over and found that the only changes was the wording for category 3 to include category 1 and 2. He also wanted to add the female Amber Cork Tree to the list of trees that are not suitable for planting as they are invasive.

9. Tree Planting Contract

Tree Planting Contract

Larson Landscape Trees won the bid for 2015. Dan Larson will hopefully start planting sometime in April. Mr. Fermenich distributed packet with location and species of replacement trees & how many. Cost comes from tree planting budget. Grant is not for planting trees, it is for treating trees and many other tree projects .(about 24 trees will be planted this year for Arbor Day)

10. Discussion and Decision regarding request for Arbor Day Ceremonial Tree and tree holes to be dug. Motion for cost of Arbor Day Ceremonial Tree to be charged to Tree Commission Budget. The cost of the holes being dug will be absorbed by the Public Works budget. All present were in favor.

Arbor Day Planting

11. Suggested date for next meeting:

Thursday, May 14th

**Suggested Date for
Next Meeting**

12. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to adjourn the Tree Commission meeting at 7:59 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Kubacki
Clerk Typist
Division of Public Works

Adjournment

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