

**MINUTES OF THE TREE COMMISSION MEETING HELD AT THE GREENFIELD DPW, ON THURSDAY,
MAY 01, 2014, AT 6:30 PM**

1. Joan Stevens, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM

**Meeting called to order
at 6:31 PM**

Roll Call:	Joan Stevens	Present
	Ald. Linda Lubotsky	Present
	Michael Wendt	Excused
	Becky Thorpe	Present
	Lew Silva	Present

Also Present: Dan Ewert, Superintendent of Public Works
Dennis Fermenich, City Forester

2. Approval of the March 6, 2014 Meeting Minutes

**Approval of 3/6/14
Minutes**

**It was moved by Ms. Thorpe, seconded by Mr. Silva, to approve the March 6,
2014 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.**

3. Aldermanic Report

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None

4. Superintendent of Public Works Report

Public Works Report

With the assistance of Mr. Wendt, Mr. Ewert placed a help wanted notice at MATC for summer help to assist Mr. Fermenich with tree injections for the Emerald Ash Borer. Pruning work is still continuing. Crews are also working to prepare for Arbor Day. John Laskoski is working foreman in charge of Arbor Day this year. There will be three additional DPW staff members at Arbor Day to help out with planting. Dennis has called in the Diggers Hotline and the tree planting spots have been marked. Holes will be dug tomorrow.

5. Chair Report

Chair Report

Ms. Stevens has been working to raise money for Arbor Day and will be having the program printed tomorrow. Only 11 of the 24 trees will be planted due to muddy conditions.

The Greenfield School System has a new contact person for the Ecology Contest. The contact person has supplied the names of the Ecology Contest winners and will be working to provide information to the teachers in a timely manner next year. Everything for the Ecology Contest is now working smoothly.

Next week Saturday is Green Up Clean Up. Ms. Stevens has over 2000 people

signed up to participate. All the parks and schools are covered. Ms. Stevens would like to see the school system take over the Green Up Clean Up program.

Mr. Robert Roesler, the Historical Society President, sent to Joan Stevens an old surveyor's sketch map of the area of Greenfield which shows the area's trees. The information included types and sizes of the trees.

6. City Forester's Report

City Forester's Report

The DPW pruned close to 1000 trees this winter which is an unprecedented amount. This year there were crews doing structural pruning in bucket trucks as well as crews doing ground pruning. Tree removals have also been moving along quickly. A lot of the credit for the great work goes to John Laskoski who is the working foreman in charge of the forestry crew. The Tree Commission would like to possibly do a video of the tree crew at work to show how well the city does with forestry. The Commission will be contacting Mr. Sokol to discuss future filming of the crew.

Today, Mr. Fermenich met with Arthur Weiler Nursery; the contractor from the 2012 planting. They reviewed the list of trees that need to be warranty replaced. The contractor is being very cooperative and Mr. Fermenich believes all the issues will be resolved.

Mr. Fermenich is continuing to discover new finds of Emerald Ash Borer. The city will be purchasing injection equipment and will begin treating trees. Even with all of the publicity, Mr. Fermenich is still speaking with people who are unaware of the problem.

This year's tree planting contract has moved through the city very slowly. Larsen will begin planting in the city tomorrow. He has been ready to plant for a while but with the cold weather, the whole season has been pushed back. Tree planting should be completed within the month of May.

7. Discussion of Intent to Apply

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There will be no intent to apply this year. The application will not be made available until August. The application deadline is October 1st. The focus for the grant this year will be on the Emerald Ash Borer and controlling its spread. Treatments will take priority with canopy preservation being first and foremost.

8. Application of Intent for the 2015 DNR Grant

2015 DNR Grant

Discussed under Item #7

9. Annual Review of Tree Ordinance and Policy Manual

Review of Tree Ordinance and Policy Manual

This item went to the Common Council and was approved.

10. Discussion and Decision regarding licensing of Arborists

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Mr. Fermenich has compiled a lot of information regarding this item and will be

forwarding it to Roger Pyzyk, City Attorney.

11. Review of Mission & Goals

Review of Mission and Goals

Ms. Stevens read the Mission and goals. It was determined that the city has met the needed points for the Tree City/Growth award and that all goals are being worked on.

12. Budget Plans and Requests

Budget Plans and Requests

The hope is to keep the budget maintained at the current level. Funding was not cut in the last budget. Mr. Fermerich noted that the funding was expanded to combat the EAB problem. Ald. Lubotsky suggested that before and after pictures of treatment be taken so that city officials can see how well the money was spent. That would help with future funding to combat the EAB situation.

13. Suggested date and discussion items for next meeting.

Suggested Date and Items for Next Meeting

Next meeting will be on Thursday, July 10, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

14. Adjournment

Adjournment

It was moved by Ms. Thorpe, seconded by Mr. Silva, to adjourn the Tree Commission meeting at 7:43 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Marina Schmidt
Clerk Typist
Division of Public Works

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