

**MINUTES OF THE TREE COMMISSION MEETING HELD AT THE GREENFIELD DPW, ON THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 06, 2014, AT 6:30 PM**

DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES THIS MEETING WAS NOT RECORDED

- 1.** Joan Stevens, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM

**Meeting called to order
at 6:36 PM**

Roll Call:	Joan Stevens	Present
	Ald. Bruce Bailey	Present
	Michael Wendt	Present
	Becky Thorpe	Present
	Lew Silva	Present
	Terry Krell	Present

Also Present: Dennis Fermenich, City Forester

- 2.** Approval of the September 4, 2014 Meeting Minutes

**Approval of 9/4/14
Minutes**

It was moved by Mr. Krell, seconded by Mr. Silva, to approve the September 4, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

- 3.** Aldermanic Report

Aldermanic Report

Ald. Bailey discussed the postponement of sidewalk installations at Honey Creek and Cold Spring roads. The Commission discussed what items they were interested in learning about from the Alderperson and introductions were made.

- 4.** Superintendent of Public Works Report

Public Works Report

Mr. Ewert was unavailable to attend the meeting. However the City Forester, Dennis Fermenich, reported on the status of leaf collection throughout the city as well as the continued use of the new PubWorks software.

- 5.** Chair Report

Chair Report

Ms. Stevens discussed the commitment of the Beautification Committee to provide a member to staff the Forestry Booth at the Farmer's Market in 2015. She also discussed the 2014 forestry accomplishments.

- 6.** City Forester's Report

City Forester's Report

Mr. Fermenich reported that fall tree plantings occurred at the Law Enforcement

Center, Konkell Park, Creekwood Park as well as a few replacements in the city right of way. Rodent control was applied on the medians this fall.

7. 2015 Arbor Day Project and Site Selection

2015 Arbor Day Project

If the city assumes management of Kulwicki Park, the commission likes the potential of having Arbor Day there. Mr. Fermenich suggested Maple Grove School as an alternative if Kulwicki Park management transfer does not occur.

8. Discussion regarding EAB assistance for the disadvantaged and the elderly.

EAB Assistance

Ms. Thorpe suggested that the newsletter could be used to communicate with the residents. Mr. Fermenich asked that the commission research the possibility of assisting the elderly with injections to treat Ash Trees. He is looking for any grant potential. Mr. Fermenich will confer with the city attorney about grouping deserving residents together and getting them a lower bid with contractors.

9. Pre-selection of Trees for 2015

Pre-Selection of Trees for 2015

Mr. Fermenich reported that at this time the city is planning on planting 126 additional trees assuming that it is awarded the 2015 Urban Forestry Grant. Without the grant the number would have to be reduced.

10. Discussion regarding the Forestry Budget

Forestry Budget

There will be no change to the forestry budget for 2015.

11. Update regarding the 2015 Urban Forestry Grant

2015 Urban Forestry Grant

A copy of the application was provided to the Tree Commission. The application was submitted by Mr. Fermenich in a timely manner. He has not yet received a response. Mr. Fermenich indicated that the main portions of the grant consisted of a forestry information booth with focus on EAB to be displayed at Farmer's Market. Ash Tree injection demonstrations would also be done during the Farmer's Market. The grant also asked for additional funds to treat trees on school property, public parks, and city right of ways. Another component of the grant would comprise of planting additional trees in front of schools where there have been a reduction tree numbers. Mr. Fermenich requested that members of the commission consider manning the booth at the Farmer's Market. Mr. Krell volunteered to work at least one of the Sundays.

12. Suggested date and discussion items for next meeting.

Suggested Date and Items for Next Meeting

Next meeting will be on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Fermenich would like to further discuss options to assist the disadvantaged and the elderly in dealing with EAB. He asks that the Tree Commission bring ideas to present at the next meeting.

13. Adjournment

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It was moved by Mr. Wendt, seconded by Ms. Thorpe, to adjourn the Tree Commission meeting at 8:05 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Marina Schmidt
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Division of Public Works

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