

**MINUTES OF THE TREE COMMISSION MEETING HELD AT THE GREENFIELD DPW, ON THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 04, 2014, AT 6:30 PM**

1. Joan Stevens, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:46 PM

**Meeting called to order  
at 6:46 PM**

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| Roll Call: | Joan Stevens      | Present |
|            | Ald. Bruce Bailey | Excused |
|            | Michael Wendt     | Present |
|            | Becky Thorpe      | Excused |
|            | Lew Silva         | Present |
|            | Terry Krell       | 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 Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Krell, to approve the March 6,  
2014 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.**

3. Aldermanic Report

**Aldermanic Report**

Ald. Lubotsky has resigned from the Tree Commission. Newly elected Ald. Bailey is the new Tree Commission member. He was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

4. Superintendent of Public Works Report

**Public Works Report**

Mr. Ewert distributed a report written by Mr. Fermenich regarding Emerald Ash Borer treatments throughout the city. DPW employee, Joel Kolster, did most of the injections.

Mr. Ewert also reported the sale of a portion of DPW's leaf mulch to a company named The Purple Cow for \$5.35 per yard. The DPW received \$7800.00 for the mulch. Proceeds will go back into the recycling fund.

5. Chair Report

**Chair Report**

Ms. Stevens stated that she was reappointed to the Tree Commission.

Arbor Day was a success. Twenty four trees were planted at Brookside Meadows Park.

On July 19th, the Beautification Committee's Garden Tour was held. There were 672 attendees.

The Ecology Essay contest was very good again this year. Ms. Stevens distributed pictures of all the events.

There were 3190 participants for Green Up Clean Up Day. Ms. Stevens said she has been running the program herself for the past 21 years. She is going to ask the Greenfield School District to help out by running their own Green Up Clean Up Day as they constitute approximately one third of the program.

## **6. City Forester's Report**

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Twelve trees were moved from a demo site to Maple Grove School. One tree fell over in a storm the same night it was planted and did not survive. Communication with the schools has greatly improved regarding forestry issues. Mr. Fermenich suggested that Maple Grove School could be a potential Arbor Day project.

Mr. Fermenich has been working on a number of landscape approvals and re-inspections including the Walmart, Progressive Insurance and an acupuncture clinic on Hwy 100.

The PubWorks program obtained by DPW appears to be working well for forestry. Mr. Fermenich has access to the data and can make notes on things as they are happening. This allows the DPW staff and Mr. Fermenich to communicate more effectively. Pruning and removal lists can be easily generated from PubWorks.

## **7. Plans to apply for the 2015 DNR Grant**

## **Plans to Apply for 2015 DNR Grant**

Mr. Fermenich has downloaded the Urban Forestry Grant application. There is a matching grant available. The focus of the application has significantly changed from previous years. In order to get a grant this year, multiple entities of the community must be included. For example there are questions asking how many public/private entities are affected as well as how many municipalities are involved in the project.

As part of this year's grant, Mr. Fermenich would like to develop a forestry booth with a focus on EAB. The booth would be displayed at the Farmers Market. He would also like to have active EAB demonstrations at the Farmers Market. The demonstrations could be filmed for future use. He thought that the booth could also be used in other community locations. Ms. Stevens suggested that a Tree Commission member could man the booth at the Farmers Market.

Another part of the grant would be to use the tree inventory to establish Ash Tree locations and where the canopy is thin vs dense.

Mr. Fermenich would like help coming up with a method to help elderly or disadvantaged residents with the costs of tree replacements and/or treatment of trees for EAB.

## **8. Annual Review of Tree Ordinance and Policy Manual**

## **Annual Review of Tree Ordinance and Policy Manual**

A change was made last winter that as part of the Tree Preservation Policy anyone building a single residence home would be required to plant at least one tree from the planting list within the first year of occupation.

**9. Review of Mission & Goals**

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Ms. Stevens indicated that she reviewed the accomplishments for the year and at this time the city is in line to obtain 15 points.

**10. Budget Plans and Requests**

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According to Mr. Ewert, the budget is to remain the same as it was in 2014.

**11. Suggested date and discussion items for next meeting.**

**Suggested Date and Items for Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be on Thursday, November 6, 2014 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.

**12. Adjournment**

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**It was moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Ms. Stevens, to adjourn the Tree Commission meeting at 7:48 pm. Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Marina Schmidt  
Clerk Typist  
Division of Public Works

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