

MINUTES OF THE TREE COMMISSION MEETING HELD AT THE GREENFIELD DPW, ON THURSDAY, May 14, 2015, AT 6:30 PM

1. Joan Stevens, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:29 PM

**Meeting called to order
at 6:29 PM**

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

Guest: Sandra Martin with the Historical Society

2. Approval of the March 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes

**Approval of 03/12/15
Minutes**

It was moved by Mr. Krell, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to approve the March 12, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Aldermanic Report

NONE.

Aldermanic Report

4. Superintendent of Public Works Report

Public Works Report

.Short talk about Arbor Day operations.

5. Chair Report

Chair Report

- Have an EAB Awareness Day. What is a good day to do this? Looking for ideas for this day.
- Put ribbons on Ash trees in the park. Konkell Park & Farmer's Market are the perfect place to do this.
- Talked to Scott Jaquish if this was okay, he agreed.
- Have the Mayor do a proclamation
- Hang tags explaining information about Ash trees
- Dennis will do a demo of injection on Ash tree

6. City Forester's Report

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Tree planting 2015 project is complete. We planted 94 street trees, 69 replacement trees and 24 Arbor Day trees.

Farmer's Market display. Gathering materials and hope to be ready to start May 24th. Which Tree Commission members will be available to help?

DOT replaced 4 of 6 trees that were removed from the medians near Cold Spring & Hwy100. Greenfield will maintain them.

Looking for ideas & suggestions for 2016 Grant in addition to: Expand Arbor Day to include some activity in grade schools, develop program to expand public & private wood utilization efforts, promote urban trees & their benefits to the city, further EAB awareness in Greenfield, complete conversion to the iTree City & Canopy programs and reforestation of city & parks.

Developments: Tuckaway Woods project on 37th St., is underway The developer has been very vocal about preserving all the trees he can, even those outside the designated tree preservation zones. He believes the more trees he can preserve, the better price he will get for the home when complete. They have met several times on site to make sure tree preservation fencing is being installed properly.

Meijer project has started demo at old Mount Carmel site.

7. 2016 Grant Application

Nothing at this time.

2016 Grant Application

8. Annual Review of Tree Ordinance and Policy Manual

There are no updates for the Tree Ordinance & policy at this time.

Annual Review of Tree Ordinance & Policy Manual

9. Tree Discussion and Decision regarding request for Arborists

No work has been done on the licensing of Arborists since the last meeting.

Tree Discussion & Decision regarding Arborists

10. Review of Mission & Goals

1. Approve visibility & awareness & support of Greenfield Forestry by building a forestry booth to inform residents about EAB at the Farmer's Market.
2. Creating PR & educational videos to be shown at the Farmer's Market & other venues.
3. Showing our forestry crews performing tree work.
4. Demonstrate proper pruning techniques, safety precautions & proper use of equipment.
5. Establishing a working relationship with Greenfield & Whitnall School District by inviting a member of the school board of each district to attend a Tree Commission meeting.
6. Preparing and posting forestry information articles on the City website & in the seasonal Recreator newsletter sent to all city residents.
7. Preparing & distributing an updated Forestry brochure.
8. Licensing of tree services.
9. Update the cities EAB response plan.
10. Plant trees received through a grant from ATC (American Transmission Company) in Greenfield Hawkview Park.

Review of Mission & Goals

11. Budget Plans & Requests

Nothing at this time.

Budget Plans & Requests

12. Suggested date & discussion items for next meeting

Thursday, July 9th

Suggested Date for Next Meeting

13. Adjournment

Adjournment

It was moved by Ms. Thorpe, seconded by Mr. Alderperson Bailey, to adjourn the Tree Commission meeting at 7:44 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Kubacki
Clerk Typist
Division of Public Works

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