

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

1. Joan Stevens, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM

**Meeting called to order
at 6:35 PM**

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

Also Present:

Dennis Fermenich	City Forester
Therese Kubacki	Clerk Typist
Cheryl Bailey	Guest

2. Approval of the September 3, 2015 Meeting Minutes

**Approval of 09/03/15
Minutes**

It was moved by Becky Thorpe, seconded by Mr. Silva, to approve the September 3, 2015 meeting minutes. Although minutes were not recorded due to malfunction of machine, motion to approve brief outline was carried unanimously.

3. Aldermanic Report

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Nothing to report.

4. Superintendent of Public Works Report

Public Works Report

DPW crew is continuing to work on leaf collection. Preparations for pruning and tree removal for this winter being worked on. About 90 trees will need to be removed this winter for different circumstances. (several Ash trees and others that had issues because of age or damage.)

5. Chair Report

Chair Report

Beautification Committee had a Landscape award reception at the Library, the Mayor attended along with several Alderpersons. Pictures were taken of each of the 6 winners, very happy & proud to receive awards, showed photos of properties and served goodies & a cake. Sheila the Librarian asked for Joan's help in front of library with landscaping & foliage. Joan & Sheila cleaned up the landscape in front of the library, DPW moved a tree, repositioned a large boulder delivered by Halquist for additional landscape decoration, and had DPW complete remainder of heavy work. Sculpture from inside of library will be moved onto a granite pedestal for decoration at the front of the library. Dennis Fermenich trimmed up tree in the front of the library.

Joan and Dennis would like to go to a Greenfield District School Board meeting and make a presentation regarding what they are doing in Forestry. Review the

programs already being done, and bring back the Ecology essay contest. Joan will go over the Litter Clean-Up Program and find someone to take over the project. Joan would like the School Board to support having the District schools clean-up program in house.

Joan would like a plaque announcing that the Mini Arboretum was donated by Greenfield Tree Commission and Beautification Committee. Possibly a bench/plaque in the area of the Arboretum was discussed by the committee as well. Joan would prefer a plaque in the school's atrium.

Growth Award points are being determined.

6. City Forester's Report

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Dennis is looking for ideas to add to the EAB Awareness Day. Make EAB Awareness Day a bigger event. Bruce Bailey's wife (Cheryl) suggested speaking to the drama teacher at the high school to see if some of the student's might be interested in participating in a skit about EAB. Possibly offering a donation to the school for their skit. Dennis would like to establish more of a relationship with the schools and thinks this would be a great idea.

Joan suggested Tree Commission should have some name tags identifying who they are for different events. Dennis asked for each member of the Tree Commission to be a part of some of the events at least once throughout the year. (Arbor Day, Farmer's Market)

Started building at Tuckaway Woods. (37th Street) Roads are in and first model home is built. Very large Oak tree in the area has been established as the focal point of the entryway. Pruning and dead wood has been removed. Dennis is working on some design information for this site/parcel.

Bruce Bailey suggested talking to Rick Sokol regarding historical background of tree related losses. Seems less over last 5-7 years since pruning has been taking place on a regular basis.

7. Discussion regarding involvement of Greenfield District Schools in Arbor Day with Greenfield Tree Commission and Beautification Committee.

Arbor Day Involvement

Arbor Tree planting at Maple Grove. On the Friday before the official Arbor Day celebration was held, Maple Grove had their own celebration where children sang and a tree was planted. Dennis suggests having a school Arbor Day celebration. Getting kids more involved would be ideal.

8. Pre-Selection of trees for 2016

Tree Selection for 2016

One major road re-construction area (32-34th & Lynndale to Morgan). This project will accommodate approx. 237 trees. We will then, out of our general tree planting budget, plant about 50 trees (replacement trees) in different areas. Varieties have not been chosen. There will be a total amount of about 287 trees planted. (NO Maple, Oak or Elm)

9. Discussion regarding the Forestry budget

Forestry Budget

Bruce Bailey said it will stay the same as last year.

10. Licensing for Tree Service Companies

Presently gathering information regarding this. Pursuing/working with City Atty. Roger Pyzyk. Dennis has gathered a lot of information regarding licensing in other states for their tree service companies in order to be able to pursue what is expected and correct for tree companies. Dennis wants the companies to show proof of insurance and have licensed Arborists.

**Licensing for Tree
Service Companies**

**11. Suggested date & discussion items for next meeting: January 7, 2016
@6:30pm.**

**Suggested Date for
Next Meeting**

12. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Kubacki
Clerk Typist
Division of Public Works

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