

Tree City Committee Minutes
March 2, 2015

Becky Gussel called the meeting to order in the Wisconsin Dells Municipal Building at 4:30 PM. Other members present: Shirley Tollaksen, and Debbie Kinder. Dar Mor and Dave Holzem were absent. Fred Westerfeldt, Sandy Braun, and Ed Legge of the *Wisconsin Dells Events* were also present.

Minutes of the February 2, 2015 meeting were approved as read on a motion by Shirley, seconded by Becky.

Fred would like a list of the trees which will he will be treating this spring by the end of the week. Sandy will relay this request to Dave. Although we didn't have a report on cutting the recommended ash trees, Debbie pointed out that one street ash has been cut in the 1300 block of River Road.

Arbor Day plans were discussed. On Friday, April 25, at least one Tribute Tree will be planted in Bowman Park. Debbie is working on scheduling a time that will work for the high school students involved in the project. If more Tribute Trees come in, we will plant those trees on the same day.

On Tuesday, April 28, Arbor Day will be the theme of the Dells Delton Community Supper. Debbie will call Columbia County and Shirley will call Sauk County to see which one offers the best price on seedlings for the children to plant in recycled containers at the supper. Becky will take the lead on designing a tree poster on which children can decorate hang their hand cut-outs as leaves. We will suggest that they plant their trees and take photos to bring to the April 2016 Community Supper as evidence that they have cared for their trees. Fred and Debbie will create instructions for planting the seedlings.

The committee recommended that the Public Works Department continue to implement the Emerald Ash Borer plan to cut and treat the City's ash trees. At our next meeting we will finalize Arbor Day plans.

Our next meeting will be April 6 at 4 PM. Shirley will not be able to attend this meeting, so the rest of us must be there. The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 on a motion by Debbie, seconded by Shirley.

Submitted by Debbie Kinder, Secretary