

## Tree City Committee Minutes September 14, 2015

Dar Mor called the meeting to order in the Wisconsin Dells Municipal Building at 5:00 PM. Other members present: Dave Holzem, Shirley Tollaksen, and Debbie Kinder.

Minutes of the July 13, 2015 meeting were approved as read on a motion by Shirley, seconded by Dar.

David reported that 113 ash trees have been treated by Fred Westerfeldt this spring. 19 ash have been cut, 2 trees other than ash have been cut, and 17 trees have been planted—many in the Spring Grove Cemetery. No trees will be planted this fall, so Kerry Buttita's tribute tree (Camelot Crabapple) will be planted somewhere on Bowman near the EMS building in the spring.

Two trees in the 700 block of Oak Street are not doing well. It appears that the new tree wells are not draining properly. Dave will watch them to see whether they come back next spring. Debbie would like to have trees planted on the 600 block of Oak.

The Urban Forestry Grant application is being written to encourage citizens to treat their private ash trees and in return be able to designate a Tribute Tree of diverse species to be planted on the City's tree bank. Dave has determined that we can afford to plant 30 new trees if the grant is awarded to us. Debbie will complete the grant and send it in for review before the Oct.1 submission date.

The UF Grant requires a resolution from the City Council to accompany the grant application. This resolution will be passed at the September 21 council meeting.

The grants will be awarded in mid-November. We will set our next meeting after we learn about the grant awards. We need to meet in November in order to have an Arbor Day designation approved by the City Council in December to accompany our Tree City renewal.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 on a motion by Shirley, seconded by Dar.

Submitted by Debbie Kinder