

Tree City Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2013

President Dar Mor called the meeting to order in the Wisconsin Dells Municipal Building at 5 PM. Members present: Becky Gussel, Shirley Tollaksen, Dave Holzem, and Debbie Kinder. Chris Tollaksen of Planning and Zoning and Kay James of the Wisconsin Dells Events were also present.

We agreed to designate April 25 for an Arbor Day Celebration. We have traditionally involved area students in planting trees on that day.

We have not received notice on our Urban Forestry Grant application for 2014.

Dave reported that we cut 34 ash street trees in 2013—the first year of our EAB Five-Year Plan. Not all of them were replaced, by the wishes of the owners. Our plan calls for cutting and replacing 44 trees each year, so the second year of the plan would aim to cut and replace 54 trees to make up the 10 ash trees that were not cut last year. Debbie volunteered to make recommendations for the next priority ash trees based on location, power lines, and high traffic.

Becky suggested that residents have access to the ash trees being cut to use for firewood. Currently the public works crews are chipping and disposing of the ash trees on site.

Debbie suggested that the map and inventory need to be updated to replace work done in the last year. This item is for future discussion.

Our next meeting will be at 5:00PM on Monday, January 13, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Submitted by Debbie Kinder, Secretary