

Tree City Committee Minutes January 9, 2017

Dar Mor called the meeting to order in the Wisconsin Dells Municipal Building at 5:15 PM. Other members present: Dave Holzem, Shirley Tollaksen, and Debbie Kinder. Becky Gussel was excused.

Minutes of the November 14, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion by Shirley, seconded by Debbie.

Dave reported that Fred Westerfeldt would like to order chemicals to treat our ash trees this summer. We agreed to stay with the three-year plan, treating again in 2018.

Dave reported that the Bruce Company can provide a greater variety of trees for the list we offer to residents on the City's website. However, 90% of their inventory has been pre-ordered. Dave will try to order ten trees from them and other nurseries in a variety of species for planting this spring.

Shirley brought the table of contents for Baraboo's Urban Forestry Management Plan, and Debbie shared the same documents from Reedsburg. We agreed with the recommendation that we consider including broad goals for preventive maintenance cycles, a community-wide planting program, expanding public relations and education, and risk reduction programs. Debbie and Shirley will work with Dave on a draft to consider at the March meeting.

Dave reported that the Tree City Renewal Application was submitted in advance of the December 31, 2016 deadline.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, March 13 at 5:15 PM.

We adjourned at 5:30 on a motion by Shirley, seconded by Dar.

Submitted by Debbie Kinder, Secretary