

Tree City Committee Minutes January 13, 2020

Terry Marshall called the meeting to order in the Wisconsin Dells Municipal Building at 4:33 PM. Other members present: Dave Holzem, Debbie Kinder and Shirley Tollaksen.

Minutes of the September 9, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion by Shirley, seconded by Debbie.

Dave verified that the city's ash trees will receive their third and final treatment from Fred Westerfeldt this summer. They have been treated every three years since 2014. Ash trees in Spring Grove cemetery are being cut. Debbie will send Dave locations of city ash trees that appear to be dying.

In December of 2019, we received word that our application to the DNR for money to hire a consultant to help us create a Tree Management Plan was approved. Debbie will work with Chris Tollaksen to update our city tree inventory. Tim Hall will update the park trees inventory. On Thursday, January 16 at 1:00 in the Municipal Building, Debbie and Dave will meet with Brian Wahl from the DNR to make plans to implement the grant.

Dave submitted our Tree City renewal application at the end of December.

Because the Community Supper has been discontinued, we need a new plan for observing Arbor Day on April 28. Shirley volunteered to meet with a local 4H group about activities for that observance.

Dave and Terry agreed to inform the Public Works Committee that we received the DNR grant.

At our next meeting we will discuss the possibility for transferring responsibility for the city trees from Public Works to Parks and Recreation. Dave will meet with Thad to discuss the feasibility of this move.

Our next meeting will be February 17 at 4:30 at the Municipal Building.
Submitted by Debbie Kinder, Secretary