

Tree City Committee Minutes September 12, 2016

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. Becky Gussel was absent. Libby and Shawn Snarski and Bill Pettit were guests. Ed Legge represented the Dells Events.

Minutes of the April 11, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion by Shirley, seconded by Debbie.

Dave reported that a few trees have been planted in the Spring Grove Cemetery in the last year. He is planning to plant trees on Oak Street, Capital Street, and in the BID. \$5,000 has been spent in EAB treatment of about 100 trees and some ash removals in the last year. We have a surplus of \$13,632.51, so there are funds for tree planting.

The Snarskis presented a proposal to create a Food Forest in Library Park. The edible forest would include several layers of fruit and nut trees, bushes, vines, edible plants—a sustainable botanical microcosm. Volunteers would be recruited to raise money, plant, and maintain the project. Bill Pettit is a member of the Library Board, and they would be involved in this plan. The recommendation was to take this proposal to Thad Meister and the Parks and Rec Committee.

April 28, 2017 has been designated as Wisconsin Dells Arbor Day. A resolution will be sent to the Council for approval. This resolution is needed for our Tree City application.

The next meeting will be November 14 at 5:15.

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

Submitted by Debbie Kinder