

## Tree City Committee Minutes July 13, 2015

Dar Mor called the meeting to order in the Wisconsin Dells Municipal Building at 5:00 PM. Other members present: Dave Holzem, Becky Gussel, Shirley Tollaksen, and Debbie Kinder. Sandy Braun, and Ed Legge of the *Wisconsin Dells Events* were also present.

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

Dave reported that Fred Westerfeldt is treating ash trees, but because the wet conditions are inhibiting the absorption of the chemicals, it's taking longer than planned.

Debbie expressed concern that many of the ash trees that are being cut are not being replaced. Dave agreed that most homeowners do not want the expense of planting a new tree. He will work on a report of how many ash and hazard trees have been cut without replacements.

After some discussion, the committee agreed that writing a Tree City Urban Forestry grant to plant trees in an effort to sustain the City's tree canopy would be a good use for those potential funds. Shirley suggested that including an educational component to inform the public about emerald ash borer and the treatment we are using would help the grant. Debbie and Shirley will begin drafting the application in August.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 on a motion by Debbie, seconded by Shirley.

The next meeting will be September 14 at 5 PM in the municipal building.

Submitted by Debbie Kinder