

Tree City Committee Minutes  
April 7, 2014

President Dar Mor called the meeting to order in the Wisconsin Dells Municipal Building at 5:00 PM. Members present: Shirley Tollaksen, Dave Holzem, Becky Gussel and Debbie Kinder. Chris Tollaksen of Planning and Zoning and Kay James of the Wisconsin Dells Events were also present.

Minutes of the March 10 meeting were approved on a motion by Dave, seconded by Shirley.

Dave reported that the Emerald Ash Borer Plan to cut and replace 20% of the city ash trees is not getting volunteer response to have their ash trees cut. Some are finding treatments and submitting their plans to the Public Works Department on Tree Permits. Dave has been working on making contact with Stuart's Nursery, so we can update our tree list.

Chris presented an updated tree inventory map which shows plantable locations for new trees. If ash trees are not replaced, we could plant trees in other locations with the goal of maintaining total tree canopy.

The ATC has been deposited in the Public Works fund for use on tree planting. Debbie will contact them about a photo opportunity on April 25 for our Arbor Day celebration.

We discussed the potential planting sites on Minnesota Avenue. Property owners have not been contacted about adding small trees to the north side of the street where many large trees were cut several years ago to accommodate the ATC power line. Debbie suggested that contacting ash tree owners should be a higher priority than contacting owners of Minnesota Avenue potential planting sites.

Arbor Day plans include planting Kids Klub kids planting trees near Spring Hill Middle School where they meet after school on April 25. Debbie and Dave will meet to finalize planting sites.

Debbie asked for a report on the allocation of Tribute Tree funds, ATC funds, and Public Works funding for trees. We need to know how much we have to work with in order to make plans.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 on a motion by Debbie, seconded by Becky. The next meeting was set for Monday, May 12 at 5 PM.

Submitted by Debbie Kinder, Secretary